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Poland ends communist rule

Poland's Parliament approved a Solidarnosc-led government on Tuesday, formally ending 45 years of communist rule in the country.

Polish Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki, who nearly fainted during his opening speech, flashed a V-for-victory sign as deputies voted his cabinet into office by 402-0 with 18 abstentions.

Mazowiecki, who interrupted and then resumed his speech after medical treatment, raised his arms in triumph to a standing ovation as the vote was announced.

Doctors said he had fainted because of overwork and nervous strain.

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Backs to the Wall'

PASSAU, West Germany, Sept. 12. (Agencies): At least 10,000 East Germans jammed resettlement camps in West Germany today and thousands more arrived in Hungary, waiting to follow the newly opened path to the West.

Residents of this border town filled a convention hall with banners and balloons to welcome the immigrants.

"This reception is really amazing," said Ute Kindl, a young East German woman. "I'm really speechless over the warmth and kindness here."

East Germany demanded today that Hungary stop East Germans flooding to the West and blamed Budapest for the row over the open-border policy.

"East Germany expects Hungary immediately to take back its unilateral decision to suspend parts of the agreement on visa-free travel," said an official protest handed over at the Hungarian Foreign Ministry and published by ADN news agency.

"Hungary's behaviour is a clear violation of legal treaties and thus constitutes a violation of the basic interests of East Germany. The Hungarian side is responsible for the resulting situation."

Resettlement camps in Passau were overflowing today — the result of Hungary's break with Warsaw Pact's East Germany, allowing East Germans to cross freely into the West. The move comes as Hungary embraces liberal political reforms and seeks closer economic and diplomatic ties with Western nations.

Border police in West Germany's southern Bavarian state said "over 10,000" East German refugees had entered West Germany since Hungary opened its borders for East German emigration.

There were conflicting reports about how many East Germans had entered Hungary since yesterday morning. Maj. Janos Horvath, of the Hungarian border guards, said 529 East Germans had been seen 6:30 am.

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Jayewardene's in-law shot dead

Pullout announcement due

COLOMBO, Sept. 12. (Agencies): Leftist rebels gunned down former President Junius Jayewardene's sister-in-law, and 36 other people died in political violence in the eve of a conference aimed at ending the bloodbath ravaging the island nation, officials said.

All the slayings are widely believed linked to the insurrection by the People's Liberation Front, an ultra-nationalist group whose members from the majority Buddhist Sinhalese are trying to topple President Ranasinghe Premadasa.

The Sinhalese radicals are intent on installing an authoritarian Marxist regime and their campaign of violence has left more than 4,000 people dead in the Indian Ocean island nation since Premadasa took office in December.

Defence Ministry officials reported 37 people died in violence since last evening, 15 of whom allegedly at the hands of Sinhalese radicals in attacks aimed at government officials, ruling party members, security

personnel and their families. The officials said two People's Liberation Front members on a motorcycle gunned down Gladys Jayewardene, 64, the sister-in-law of former Sri Lankan President Junius Jayewardene and chairwoman of the State Pharmaceuticals Corp. The gunmen killed her in her car at a busy Colombo intersection.

"She was hit in the head and died on the spot," said Brig. Tilak Paranagama.

Officials said she was probably killed because her corporation buys large quantities of pharmaceuticals from India despite a boycott on Indian goods called by the Sinhalese group.

Sinhalese rebels also allegedly shot and killed an army military police captain at home with his family, and the director of the government-owned Sri Lanka Marketing Federation, officials said.

Sri Lanka and India will announce an agreement this week for the withdrawal of Indian troops from the island by the end of the year, authoritative sources said today.

Terror in Texas

Day care nightmare

DALLAS, Sept. 12. (AP): A day care centre's director and assistant director were repeatedly stabbed and chased around the facility by two men while horrified children and a parent watched, police said.

Two children, ages two and four and a parent were splattered with blood as they witnessed the attack at the Apple Ridge private school last evening, said Sgt. J. W. Schildt.

"That was the worst crime scene I've ever seen," Schildt said. "It went from room to room. There were pools of blood by each of the telephones. One of the women tried to jump out of a window — it was broken out from the inside."

The school's director, Charlotte Sue Reed, was in serious but stable condition today at Methodist Medical Center. A hospital official says the sustained lacerations and a punctured lung.

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India suspends ban on six cricket stars

NEW DELHI, Sept. 12. (Reuters): India's Supreme Court today suspended year-long bans imposed on six cricket stars.

It said the six players, including test captain Dilip Vengsarkar and all-rounder Kapil Dev, should appeal to the disciplinary committee of the Board for Control of Cricket in India (BCCI), who are due to meet next week.

The court made no ruling on the legitimacy of the bans imposed in August by the BCCI, who said the six had broken contracts by playing unauthorised matches in

North America following an Indian tour of the West Indies earlier this year.

But it said the punishments should be held in abeyance until the players had appealed and the court had ruled on whether the BCCI had the power to impose them.

India will face England, West Indies, Australia, Pakistan and Sri Lanka in a one-day tournament in this country next month.

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Depositors beware; exchange crackdown

Kuwait gets tough with illegal transactions

By Mahmoud Abedin

THE government will crack down on money-exchange companies which are violating regulations, a high Ministry of Commerce and Industry official has said.

The Assistant Undersecretary for Commercial Affairs, Rashed Al Mejjeh told the Arab Times yesterday that some of the exchange companies might even be closed down permanently.

He said, those companies which committed grave violations like Al Mejjeh stressed that neither the Ministry of Commerce nor the Kuwait Central Bank is legally responsible to return the money to depositors, adding that they should go to courts in case these companies fail to return their deposits.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Commerce held a meeting yesterday with owners of the exchange companies to discuss their violations.

A number of companies have been allowed to reopen after ensuring that they committed no violations, while owners of some other companies pledged not to violate the regulations.

The Central Bank is also holding meetings with owners of some money exchange companies who agreed to co-operate with the bank while owners of some other violating companies refused to co-operate.

Al Mejjeh said that 20 money exchange companies were shut down in the last few days out of 250 operating in Kuwait. These companies were provided with licences allowing them to sell and buy currencies in the local market only.

The Central Bank has listed a number of violations committed by the erring companies. These violations included hiring out the licence to others for a fixed amount of money, which is considered to be the biggest violation of the commercial licences law. Violation also included carrying out activities not allowed to be carried out by money exchange companies like foreign transactions (issuing draft), accepting deposits, buying cheques, providing financial facilities to the customers, opening accounts for clients, and accepting trusts from them. All these operations were carried out without proper registration in legal books.

Mejjeh confirmed that many exchange companies committed these violations, adding that the ministry and the Central Bank are paying great attention to try protect the rights of depositors before taking any legal action and penalties against the violating companies.

He added that the ministry has asked the Central Bank to hold meetings with owners of the violating companies in order to locate the depositors' money.

But Mejjeh emphasised that the issue of returning the money to public is the total responsibility of the companies and the depositors themselves who deal with these companies knowing that they were not licensed to carry out such activity.

He said that the ministry and the Central Bank have repeatedly warned the exchange companies against violations.

He did not rule out the possibility that some of the closed companies may have deficit in paying the depositors, and advised these depositors to seek the help of the court in case they don't get their money or the company owners do not co-operate with the ministry and the Central Bank.

He stressed that the ministry co-operation with the Central Bank are determined to clean up the money-exchange market of violators adding that stricter supervision will be imposed and periodical checks will be carried

hiring the licence will be heavily punished and their licences may be cancelled.

He added that the ministry is currently studying the possibility of allowing temporarily to open some of the closed exchange companies, particularly those which did not commit grave violations, in order to allow them settle their business with depositors. But he added that action will be taken after evaluating the situation and scrutinising the violation.

He said that the ministry has also no objection to opening some of these companies in order to take out money or documents from them, in spite of the fact that they were ordered to deposit all their money with the Central Bank.

Guess what...



We're having another



The Duchess of York leaving the Grosvenor House (above) after a lunch in her honour. Buckingham Palace announced yesterday she and Prince

Andrew were expecting a baby in March next year. The Duchess and Andrew with their first baby seen in the file photo below. (Reuter wirephoto)

Fergie due in March

LONDON, Sept. 12. (Reuters): Britain's Duchess of York, the helicopter-lying wife of Prince Andrew, is expecting their second child in March, the royal family said today.

"It is great news," said the red-haired duchess popularly known as "Fergie."

The announcement caught Britain by surprise and brought some cheer to Queen Elizabeth and her family nearly two weeks after the separation of daughter Princess Anne from Captain Mark Phillips.

A boy would be fifth in line to the throne ahead of the couple's first child, Princess Beatrice, who was born in August 1988. A girl would follow her sister in line of succession.

In a brief announcement, Buckingham Palace said the entire royal family was very happy at the news.

The 29-year-old duchess, the former Sarah Ferguson, has said she and Prince Andrew wanted a large family, although she found it hard to combine motherhood and book royalties.

She was roundly criticised by the tabloids for leaving Princess Beatrice in the care of a nanny soon after birth and joining her husband on a lengthy tour of Australia.

Elizabeth's sixth grandchild, would be "happy, healthy ... and a friend to Beatrice."

The baby will be known as his or her royal highness, the prince or princess of York.

A spokesman for the royal family said the duchess was in excellent health. She has, however, pulled out of a bumpy cross-country motor race scheduled for this weekend.

News of the pregnancy coincided with the publication of two children's books written by the aviator-duchess: "Budgie the Little Helicopter" and "Budgie at Bendick's Point."

She learned to fly helicopters after marrying Prince Andrew, a naval pilot and the Queen's second son, in 1986.

Since joining the royal family, the duchess has been the target of frequent criticism in Britain's popular press over her plumpness, taste in clothes, attitude towards motherhood and book royalties.

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NEWSWATCH

'The coup story'

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 12. (Kuna): A strong demand has been made for holding an inquiry into the circumstances leading to the story of attempted military coup against Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto published last week by London newspaper "Financial Times."

"It relates to national security and as such warrants a thorough probe," said Lahore's English daily "The Nation" in an editorial titled "The Coup Story."

The Pakistan People's Party's government should not ignore the story just because it had come from the pen of a foreigner, said the newspaper from Lahore, adding "had there been a Pakistani journalist involved, things would have moved differently and several agencies would have been in action tracing the antecedents of the one giving the false alarm."

Invasion of wasps

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 12. (AP): Unusually large squadrons of hostile yellow jacket wasps, joined by an aggressive new species, are sending people to hospitals along the west coast.

"They are eating us alive," said Ruth Budesa, of the northern California town of Sonoma. At least one horse died after disturbing a nest of the meat-eating yellow jacket, also known as the "bullet horse."

"One sting is enough to kill a hypersensitive human," said George Poinar, an entomologist at the University of California, Berkeley. "Fifty to 75 stings are enough to kill a normal human."

US sanctions

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12. (Reuters): The United States said today it has expanded economic sanctions against Panama in an effort to force strongman General Manuel Antonio Noriega out of office.

State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said the measures included withdrawing Panama's 1989 sugar quota and widening the list of Panamanian companies and individuals associated with Noriega to whom Americans will be barred from making payments.

Facts and truth'

MANAMA, Sept. 12. (AP): Australian sheep export authorities said today they intend to use "facts and truth" to solve a trade deadlock with Saudi Arabia over the export of allegedly diseased sheep.

John Wotton, the Bahrain-based deputy chief executive for the Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation, described the situation as "stand, at least until talks can begin in Riyadh next week."

He said Australia's ambassador to Saudi Arabia hopes to meet then with the Saudi Agriculture Minister, Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Sheik.

Peaceful protest

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 12. (UPI): Acting President Frederik De Klerk, in a major concession to anti-apartheid leaders, today approved plans for a massive church-led demonstration in Cape Town tomorrow and declared the door to a new South Africa is open."

In an extraordinary statement contrasting sharply with his predecessor's hardline responses to public protest since the government imposed a state-of-emergency three years ago, De Klerk said arrangements were being made to ensure the protest was orderly.

Haig denies

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12. (AP): Alexander Haig today denied as "totally untrue" a published report saying he would reveal in a future book that he was the "deep throat" source for many newspaper stories about Watergate.

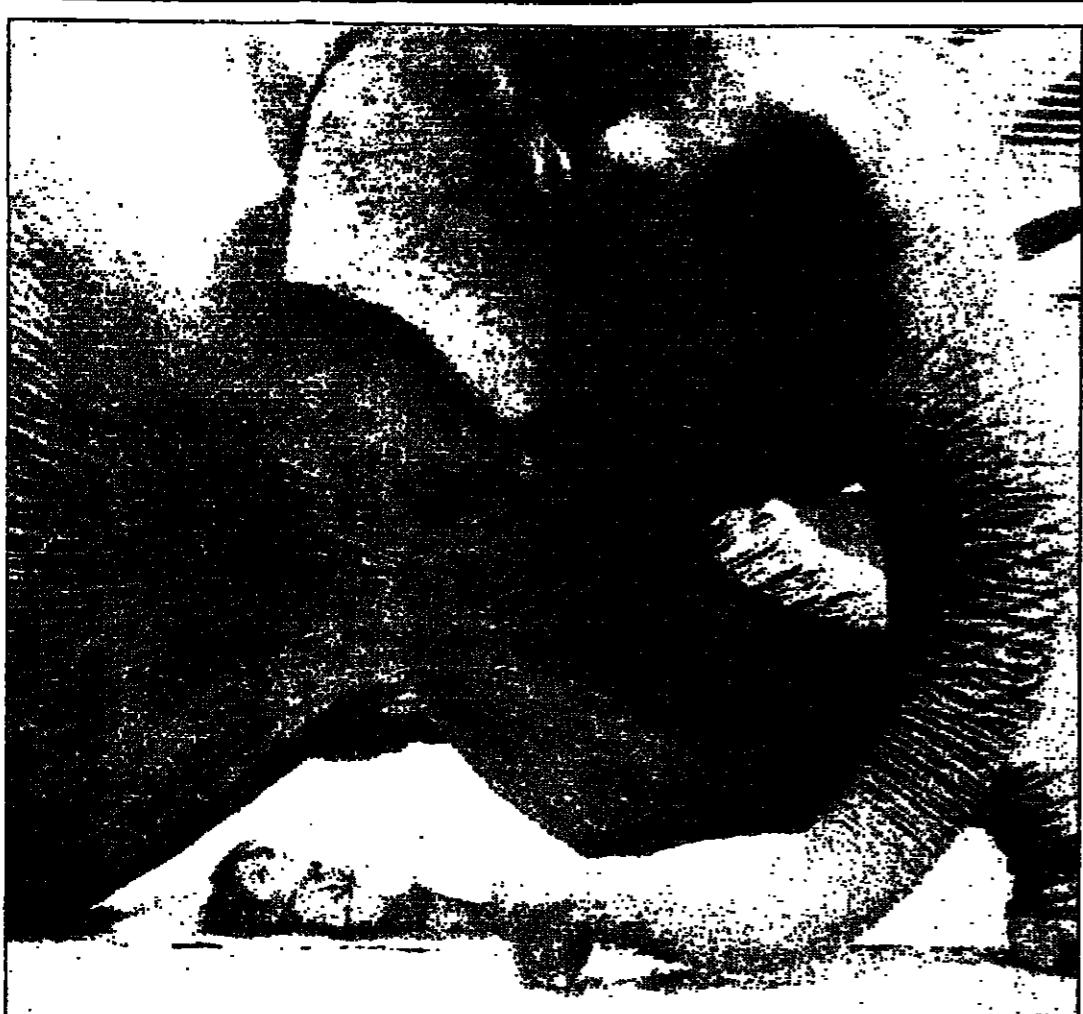
"My efforts then and now have been to preserve the presidency, not to tear it down," said Haig, who was Richard Nixon's chief of staff in his last 16 months in office.

Drugs mean death

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12. (Reuters): President George Bush, taking his crusade against narcotics trafficking into the classroom, told US schoolchildren today that drugs mean death and refusing to use them "won't make you a nerd."

Cocaine seized

MIAMI, Sept. 12. (Reuters): US authorities confiscated more than a ton of cocaine and arrested 17 people in the biggest narcotics seizure since President George Bush announced his new plan to fight drug trafficking a week ago, officials said today.



Under the shadow of a friend

Eighteen-month-old Tamara Ono has found a tranquil place to rest, underneath circus elephant Liza, in Brazil. Tamara's friendship with Liza is

drawing the crowds at a circus where her mother and father are lion tamers. (Reuter wirephoto)

Unita no to talks; battle rages

KUZUMBA RIVER, Angola, Sept. 12. (AP): Government troops and Unita rebels have waged fierce battles recently in southeast Angola, and the rebels say they will not attend next week's summit aimed at salvaging a crumbling peace initiative.

Unita leader Jonas Savimbi, speaking last night at his bush headquarters in Jamba, accused the Angolan government of planning and launching offensives after the two sides agreed to a cease-fire June 22.

The truce collapsed quickly and there has been heavy fighting near the southeastern city of Cutio Cuanavale with more battles expected, Savimbi said.

"The present (peace) talks are not working because they were not prepared properly and we need a different process," Savimbi told journalists.

Savimbi did not criticise Zaire's President Mobutu Sese Seko, who arranged the ceasefire and will host an eight-nation African summit beginning Monday to keep the peace efforts alive in the 14-year-old civil war.

Mobutu has supported Unita politically and allowed the United States to send assistance to the rebels through Zaire.

The Angolan government will be at the talks, but Savimbi said Unita — the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola — will not attend. The rebels plan a special congress Sept. 23-29 to discuss their position on the negotiations, he said.

Savimbi seeks a temporary power-sharing accord with Angola's Marxist government that will eventually lead to free elections in what is now a one-party state.

He renounced the ceasefire Aug 24 because of the increasing hostilities, but said Monday he still believed peace talks could succeed.

The Angolan government accused Unita of repeated ceasefire violations before Savimbi called off the truce.

Savimbi said Monday that Unita forces are under orders not to launch offensives, but would fight to defend territory they now occupy.

Unita said it repulsed a major attack Aug. 27-29 near the Kuzumbia river, about 70 kilometres (45 miles) southeast of Cutio Cuanavale, where the government usually launches offensives against Unita strongholds in the southeast.

Journalists who visited the battle site over the weekend saw remains of Soviet-built tanks, armoured vehicles and downed MiG-23 fighter plane, all destroyed by the rebels.

Rajiv presence moves mom Mother Teresa better

CALCUTTA, Sept. 12. (AP): Nobel laureate Mother Teresa was reported to be recovering yesterday from a heart attack after a pacemaker stabilised her heartbeat and antibiotics controlled her fever.

"Mother Teresa had a good night's sleep. Her heartbeat is regular and she has no temperature" said a statement by the Woodlands Nursing Home where she was admitted last week.

It said the 79-year-old Roman Catholic nun, still in the intensive care unit, was feeling "much better."

Earlier, Mother Teresa was examined by Dr. Vincenzo Bilotto, her longtime friend and cardiologist who arrived from Rome yesterday.

"Her condition is good (but) we will have to be careful about her for a week," Bilotto said. He did not elaborate.

Hospital officials said she was responding well to antibiotics and the temporary pacemaker, a cassette-like device that was attached Saturday night with a wire passing through one of Mother Teresa's hands.

Before Bilotto's examination, Mother Teresa was visited for 10 minutes by Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and his wife Sonia.

Press Trust of India news agency said Mother Teresa was deeply moved on seeing Rajiv. She clasped her arms around him and asked about his two children, the news agency said.

Administrator Deba Prosad Barooah said Mother Teresa told Rajiv: "I have seen you as a boy and now you have grown up."

Rajiv and his Italian-born wife had flown to Calcutta specifically to see Mother Teresa, a former convent teacher who made Calcutta her home to work for the poor and dying. She was awarded the 1979 Nobel peace prize for her work with the destitute in the slums of this eastern Indian city.

NEWS IN BRIEF



N. Korea proposes

North Korea on Tuesday renewed its proposal for negotiations to remove the US nuclear weapons it says are in South Korea and convert the Korean peninsula into a nuclear-free zone.

North Korean Army Maj. Gen. Choi Ui Ung made the proposal at the 451st meeting of the military armistice commission, while accusing the United States of continuing a nuclear arms buildup to unleash another Korean war.

US Rear Adm. Larry Vogt, speaking for the United Nations command, flatly refused to discuss the request, saying it was a political issue and did not come under the commission's jurisdiction. (Reuter wirephoto)

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Diana sets fire to drugs haul: Britain's Princess of Wales got a whiff of marijuana on Tuesday when she set fire to four tons of drugs seized by customs officers.

The air was filled with the smell of cannabis as Princess Diana dropped two plastic bags of narcotics into an incinerator in the channel port of Dover and pressed a button to light the gas fire.

"It is very heavy," she said, hoisting the haul. (Reuter)

Attention focused on 'Desai trial'

Hersh to defend himself against libel charge

CHICAGO, Sept. 12. (UPI): World-wide attention is being focused on a federal courtroom where Pulitzer prize-winning reporter Seymour Hersh will defend himself against accusations he libeled former Indian prime minister Moraji Desai.

Jury selection was set to begin tomorrow in the trial of Hersh, who wrote in a book that Desai was a paid informant for the CIA in the 1970s.

In his best seller, "The Price of Power," published six years ago, Hersh wrote that Desai received \$20,000 from the CIA to provide confidential state information.

Cyriac Kappil, attorney for the 94-year-old Desai, said his client will remain in Chicago throughout the trial, which is expected to take eight weeks.

US district judge Charles R. Norgles Sr. was scheduled to preside over the trial, which could draw observers from around the world.

Kappil said Desai is in good spirits and anxious to "clear his name."

"We have not asked for damages. We will leave the amount to the jury. Mr. Desai is seeking compensation for the loss of his reputation. For Mr. Desai, the most im-

portant thing is not money. He wants his name to be cleared," Kappil said.

Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger was listed as a witness for the defense, although Kappil would not say whether Kissinger's testimony would be presented in person or in a videotaped deposition.

"We have him identified as a witness at the trial. We expect his testimony to be presented to the jury," Kappil said.

Hersh referred all questions regarding the case to his attorneys, who could not be reached for comment.

Kappil said he felt confident he can prove Hersh acted with malice. Under the law, a public official suing for libel must prove the alleged defamation was malicious.

Desai, a one time disciple of the late Mohandas K. Gandhi, is a widower and lives in Bombay with his son, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Kappil said.

"He spends his time reading books and newspapers and receives visitors from all over the world. He gets a lot of mail and answers all of it," Kappil said.

Maggie in Ulster for a day of talks

BELFAST, Sept. 12. (Agencies): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher flew to Northern Ireland today for a day of talks with businessmen, the police and the army, officials said.

The trip was kept secret for security reasons until officials announced her arrival at the Royal Air Force base Aldergrove in Belfast.

"She will be seeing industrial and commercial activities and will be meeting a wide range of people involved in the life of the province, including the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the army," said a spokesman from the Northern Ireland office.

Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army, said the aim of her visit was to boost low security forces spirits.

"The morale of the government and its armed forces is at such a low level that even the mostingoistic rallying and strident tones will not suffice to raise their spirits," said spokesman Danny Morrison. "It's nothing short of a flag-waving exercise."

Accompanied by Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Brooke, Thatcher went by helicopter after their arrival to an industrial site outside Londonderry for a visit to three small light industry factories, said the official.

Later, they visited a chemical plant, a printing firm and a recently opened shop where a yarn of shade.

Meanwhile, the outlawed Irish Republican Army claimed responsibility for an attack on the Royal Air Force base at Bishopton, a radar station which is part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation's air defence system.

Attacks

■ The IRA will attack Britons "wherever they are," an IRA leader said in an interview with the West German Stern magazine, released yesterday.

In an article released in advance of publication, the magazine quoted the senior IRA member as saying the extremist group would stop all its attacks outside Northern Ireland if the British government declares it will withdraw its troops from Northern Ireland in the near future.

The magazine only identified the IRA official as the IRA person in charge of foreign operations.

"We have decided to attack Britons wherever they are, to show what is going on in the occupied part of Ireland," he told Stern.

Pilot passes the hat



Opposition rally

Pakistani opposition leader Nawaz Sharif (top) former prime minister Mohammed Khan Junejo (right) and a senior colleague Shujaat Hussain acknowledge cheers of their supporters on the way to a big rally in Lahore on Monday night. (Reuter wirephoto)



An East German couple hold their travel documents and a bottle of wine as they kiss prior to crossing the border between Hungary and Austria on Sept. 10. (Reuter wirephoto)

Backs to the 'Wall'

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yesterday and 9:30 am today.

He said all but 1,181 entered from Czechoslovakia, which is sandwiched between Hungary and East Germany, and the rest entered from Romania. He called the movements normal for this time of year.

Hungarian radio said yesterday that 16,000 East Germans had crossed from Czechoslovakia since yesterday morning. But border authorities said today that the radio apparently misquoted an Interior Ministry official and had been giving a figure for the entire weekend.

About 60,000 East Germans were reported in Hungary on Sunday most of them on vacation — but an Interior Ministry official in the capital of Budapest said yesterday that 26,000 of them had returned home.

In the Czechoslovak capital of Prague, witnesses said many of the 400 East Germans holed up in the West German embassy left the grounds today.

Several refugees said the East German government had promised not to punish them if they returned home and would let them apply to emigrate to the West. Some of the refugees had camped for weeks out in hopes of being allowed to emigrate to neighbouring West Germany.

East Germans have used Hungary's looser borders to flee to the West for years. That stream turned into a steady flood in May, when Hungary removed many border fortifications with western neighbour Austria, and turned into deluge on Sunday, when thousands of East Germans vacationing in Hungary

East Germans quit Bonn embassy in Prague: About 230 Germans who had been occupying West Germany's embassy in Prague for up to five months on Tuesday gave up their bid to gain passage to the West.

Diplomatic sources said they had left the mission after obtaining pledges of official aid to leave their hardline communist state legally.

But about 170 East Germans were still sitting tight in the embassy and had yet to make a decision to leave, they said.

Honecker's article: East German leader Erich Honecker, variously reported to have cancer and to be near death's door, apparently alive and well — and writing for the Communist Party daily Neues Deutschland.

A spokesman for the newspaper told Reuters Honecker had penned a sarcastic commentary published on Tuesday that criticised a West German tabloid's reports on his failing health following surgery last month for gall stones.

"According to Bild, Honecker had given up the will to live yesterday and has cancer of the pancreas. Today a big headline says Honecker wants to die," said the article, which appeared in all the main newspapers and was signed, "E.H."

Opposition forms new group: More than 100 East German opposition activists formed a new independent nationwide group on Monday and called for dialogue with the communist leadership, Protestant church sources reported.

They said the group, New Forum, intended to work within the constitution and was open to all those who wanted to work towards restructuring in East Germany, which has so far resisted Soviet-style rule.

Kohl re-elected: West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl was re-elected chairman of his Christian Democratic Party (CDU) on Monday but with a record number of votes against him.

More than three-quarters of the delegates at the party congress voted for Kohl, 59, to stay on as party leader for the next two years and take them into the 1990 general elections.

were allowed to emigrate en masse.

The refugees, who came through three separate crossings, had completely filled five temporary camps near the Austrian border in Bavaria and officials were seeking more shelter in military barracks.

Budapest suspended an accord with East Berlin on Sunday to let thousands of refugees go West.

The refugee crisis has caused new strains between Hungary and East Germany, Warsaw Pact allies already at odds over reforms.

The aircraft was towed to a parking area while the captain searched for Zimbabwean embassy staff, said the Herald.

But Zimbabwe officials were busy with Mugabe's visiting delegation and passengers were asked to lend ready money to the airline instead, the report said.

The Herald, published in Harare by the state-owned Mass Media Trust, said two passengers provided enough hard currency for the plane to resume its journey to the British capital, London.

Coloured police denounce incitement of anti-apartheid violence

confident there is going to be a change."

In a separate development, a left-wing black journalist Gregory Vlok met about 40 angry coloured (mixed-race) police officers today to discuss charges that police incite anti-apartheid violence.

Colonel John Manuel, the country's top coloured policeman, told reporters after the meeting with Vlok that he backed an officer who broke ranks last week to condemn publicly white riot control units for brutality and provocation.

Vlok declined to be questioned at length, but said riot control methods were discussed in the hour-long session at a police club in the white Cape Town

suburb of Pinelands.

Rockman, who attended the meeting with Vlok, said he was not satisfied and wanted a supreme court judge to investigate the riot control units he condemned as "wild dogs."

Rockman, summoned by senior officers last week to explain his public criticism, has received a death threat from white extremists furious that he accused police of whipping women and children who had started to disperse from a protest meeting.

Vlok told reporters in Athlone that he was recruited as a police informer in January 1987, after

87 days in detention without trial on suspicion of treason.

He said that because of the recent police killings and under the influence of Rockman's example he decided while jogging yesterday to break cover.

"I was always too weak before to do it, but I decided yesterday that I could not carry on helping the government to oppress my people."

Vlok said he had worked under cover as a photographer for left-wing newspapers, photographing and filming opposition meetings, tracing dissidents wanted by police and informing on plans for protests.

مكتبة من المجلات

Survivors' nightmare

Crash in Amazon

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept 12. (AP) It was 5.25 on Sunday afternoon, Sept 3, when pilot Cesar Garez nosed the Boeing 737 down the runway at Manaus and took off for Belém, an Amazon river port 250 miles (400 kms) away. It would be the longest flight of his life.

The 48 passengers and six crew members on Varig Airlines Flight 254 settled in for one-hour flight. It was the last leg of a cross-country flight that had begun eight hours earlier, 2,000 miles (3,200 kms) and six cities away in São Paulo.

The flight was routine for Garez, a 32-year-old Air Force veteran. True, pilots often complained about the lack of radar in the region and the "black holes" where planes could not be tracked. But the flight was so short it rarely mattered.

Today, it would be crucial.

Garez, a soccer fan, was at that moment concerned about the result of the Brazilian-Chile match in Rio de Janeiro. Some passengers later said the pilot asked the control tower for the radio frequency of a local station transmitting the game.

Things began to go wrong almost immediately.

As he climbed into the darkening sky, Garez was not aware he was heading in exactly the wrong direction. Instead of going north-northeast to Belém, he flew south.

Epaminondas Chaves, a passenger who would be acclaimed a hero by the survivors, said Garez later told him he had mistakenly set a course of 270, when the correct heading was 027.

Garez tried to contact the Belém control tower but got no answer.

Chaves, a civil engineer and frequent flier, saw in the gloom that the wild terrain below was not the approach to Belém. He mentioned it to a stewardess, but she told him the pilot knew what he was doing.

The moon was on the left, then on the right. We were flying in circles," said Chaves, who sat in the next-to-last row because he had observed that the tail section often remains intact in plane crashes. It would save his life.

An hour passed, then two hours, Garez said on the intercom he had lost contact with Belém and had enough fuel for 90 minutes. Stewardess passed our drinks to nervous passengers.

In his last radio contact picked by a passing Cruzeiro Airlines jet, the pilot said he had problems in his navigational system and only one working engine, and would try an emergency landing in the jungle. Flight attendants instructed passengers to fasten their seat belts and put their heads down.

"This is not happening because I want it to. Pray that everything works out," Garez told the passengers. He reduced his speed to 110 mph (180 kph) and cut his remaining engine. It was about 9 pm.

The sound of the dead plane whistling through the air. Then it hit the treetops.

"It was as if a giant claw had scratched the body of the plane," recalled Regina Azevedo. "There was a deafening screech, then silence."

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The impact tore off the wings and landing gear and ripped a swath 300 feet long in the virgin forest. Eight passengers died inside the cabin, and a ninth victim was found outside.

Chaves, in back, was the only passenger whose seat didn't break loose. He got up and tried to open the emergency doors. They were stuck. Finally he got the regular door open, and he and 11 others ran from the plane, fearing an explosion that never came.

"There, in the darkness, we all joined hands and prayed," he said.

Then they went back to help the others. Some were badly hurt, but a surprising number were in relatively good condition.

Removing the survivors took all night and most of the next day. Bruno Lora Coimbra Costa, 3, was pinned by her right leg until morning and needed emergency surgery. Her mother, Marilene Coimbra, later complained she couldn't even find an aspirin.

The seats were taken out to make improvised beds. Towels became bandages. A doctor happened to be carrying first aid kits, and another passenger had some antibiotics. The dead were left inside.

Sandwiches from the plane's canteen were rationed. A bigger problem was water, which soon ran out.

Stewardess Luciane Melo said the plane's distress signal box, which turns on when immersed, was activated with some, but we had so little water it was hard even to make.

On Monday afternoon Afonso Saraiava, an Amazon native familiar with forest ways, set out to find water. A half hour's walk away he discovered a brook, with banks marked by tapir and capybara prints. The survivors had water, but now feared jaguar attacks.

The small black bees that infest the region bedeviled the injured. The insects were drawn by blood and by tears, and bee stings were frequent. At 5pm they heard the sound of a plane.

"Everyone started to wave like in the movies, but the forest was so thick we couldn't see it, and it left," Chaves said.

On Tuesday, it became clear action was needed if they were to be rescued. Chaves.

Saraiava, Marcionilio Pinheiro and Antonio Farias de Oliveira decided to go for help. With a box of sandwiches, an apple, three fighters, a jackknife and two small flares, they set off into the jungle.

After three hours, Chaves spotted something that sent the group's spirits soaring: cow manure.

Soon the trees thinned, and they came to a Curimare ranch in Mato Grosso state — some 1,100 (1,800 kms) miles from Belém.

At a neighbouring ranch they radioed for help. The call was picked up by a ham radio operator in São Paulo, who alerted the Air Force. Officials were sceptical, but Chaves finally convinced them it wasn't a prank by reading his ticket number. It was 1 pm.

The Air Force, which had picked up the distress signal and was searching the area, sighted the downed plane and airdropped food, medicine and blankets. Rescue teams with machetes cut a path to the crash site.

"We were attacked by the survivors. They grabbed us, embraced and kissed us, crying a lot," said Joao Batista Fusquino of the Air Force's Salvamento rescue team.

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Prince Aya pops the question to college sweetheart

TOKYO, Sept 12. (AP) Prince Aya, second son of Japanese Emperor Akihito, says he proposed to his college sweetheart more than three years ago, while they were waiting at a crosswalk for the light to change.

And his bride-to-be, Kiko Kawashima, disclosed that she took her time to think about it before agreeing to marry the prince.

The couple, both 23, met reporters after their engagement was formally announced this morning. The engagement dominated evening newspapers and broadcasts.

Most television networks pre-empted programming for coverage of the announcement, and the couple's news conference was carried live on nationwide television. Both appeared pleased but a bit nervous as they fielded questions.

No date has been set, but ceremonies related to the

wedding will not be held until after next Jan 7, the end of a one-year mourning period for Emperor Hirohito, Aya's grandfather, who died at the age of 87 after a 62-year reign.

Prince Aya said he had proposed to Kiko in June 1986, a year after they first met.

"I was taking her home after a get-together the evening, and I asked her while we were stopped for a light at a crosswalk," the prince told reporters at the Akasaka Palace in central Tokyo.

Miss Kawashima, the daughter of a college economics professor, said she asked for time to think about the proposal.

"My father told me that it was my life, and a decision that I should make after careful thought," she said.

Aya is second in line to the throne. He is to complete postgraduate studies in Zoology at Oxford

University's St John's College next June.

The Imperial Household Council gave its stamp of approval to the engagement earlier in the day. The 10-member council, headed by Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu, is required by law to discuss the marriage of any male imperial family member.

Its vote in favour of Aya's choice was unanimous.

"Kiko has a wonderful personality and is a most fitting princess for his majesty Prince Fumihito," Kaifu said. Fumihito is the prince's given name, though he is normally referred to by his title, Prince Aya.

Aya's wedding, the first royal marriage since 1959, will be one of three major imperial events in 1990.

The week-long coronation ceremonies for Emperor Akihito are scheduled for mid-November, and Naruhito, Aya's elder brother, has yet to be

formally installed as crown prince.

Aya said he had hoped to marry after his brother, in keeping with palace custom. But Naruhito's desire for a bride continues and "my engagement was just settled first," Aya said.

Today's announcement came a day after Miss Kawashima celebrated her 23rd birthday.

Prince Aya's choice of a bride without a noble background caused some of a stir.

Miss Kawashima, who lives in campus housing with her parents and younger brother at Tokyo's Gakushuin University, where her father teaches. Because of that, she has been dubbed the "apartment princess."

The university, however, is the alma mater of many of Japan's royalty.

Michihiko reportedly helped deflect opposition to the marriage.



Followed by her escort, hairdresser Michael Disney, Zsa Zsa Gabor leaves the courtroom after the first day of jury selection Sept 11. (Reuter wirephoto)

Gabor faces jury

"I think it's exciting"

BEVERLY HILLS, California, Sept 12. (AP) Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor spent the day in court yesterday, watching jury selection for her trial on a charge of slapping a policeman with more than 100 reporters hanging on her every word outside court.

She breezed into court accompanied by her hairdresser, daughter and eighth husband, Prince Frederick von Anhalt, Germany's Duke of Saxony.

Gabor was dressed in a black wool crepe Donna Karan dress with cinched waist and red silk flower off the shoulder. Her daughter, Francesca Hilton, wore a simple T-shirt bearing a photo of her mother behind her with "Free Zsa Zsa" written in pink.

unicipal Judge Charles G. Rubin immediately imposed a gag order on the case, silencing the outspoken Gabor.

Gabor's entourage was surrounded by more than 100 reporters and camera crews when she stepped from a chauffeur-driven car near the courthouse.

Distressed by word that only six reporters would be allowed inside the small courtroom, the international news mob swarmed hairdresser Michael Disney.

It was "just the usual" hairstyle for Miss Gabor, he said.

"It's very conservative."

Gabor was arrested on June 14 in Beverly Hills after she was stopped at the wheel of her \$215,000 Rolls-Royce Corniche convertible for having an expired registration and drove off as the officer was checking for other infractions. Police said she then slapped the officer when he stopped her again two blocks later.

Gabor has maintained that she was verbally and physically abused by an officer who has a history of harassing celebrities.

She pleaded innocent on July 12 to charges of misdemeanor battery on a police officer, disobeying a police officer's orders, driving with an expired license, having an open container of alcohol in her car and having an expired car registration.

If convicted, she faces a maximum jail term of two years and a \$4,000 fine.

Gabor yawned as the proceedings headed toward lunch recess. She was followed again by a crush of reporters and camera crews toward the courthouse elevator.

"I've never done it before. I think it's exciting," she said.

"I'm not supposed to say one word," Gabor said at day's end, "but I thought the jury was charming."

'Apologies for outburst'

Brando does an about face

NEW YORK, Sept 12. (Reuter):

Marlon Brando, the moody Hollywood legend who two weeks ago blistered his just-completed film "The Freshman" as horrible, said yesterday he was wrong about the movie and even threw a party for the cast and crew when shooting ended.

This made Brando a public relations nightmare and no better example came on August 31 when he bashed the film in an interview with the Toronto Globe and Mail.

"It's terrible that the movie contains moments of high comedy that will be remembered for decades," Brando said in a statement after seeing a partially edited version of the movie.

There is no substitute for laughter in this frightened and endlessly twisting world."

His praise for "The Freshman" was a complete about-face for the 65-year-old Brando, famed during his career for his brooding

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Brando, who won Oscars for "On the Waterfront" in 1954 and "The Godfather" in 1972, said yesterday he had a negative reaction when he saw the first cut of "Waterfront" and blamed personal problems for his attack on "The Freshman."

"He dropped all talk of retirement, saying instead that he had heard discussions of a possible sequel and I would be happy if I were asked to appear in it."

"The Freshman" concerns a young college student (Broderick) who is befriended by an ageing gangster (Brando). It is scheduled for spring release.

when they were killed. During his guilt-phase testimony, Naddi said "it was (God's) will" that he shoot them.

Besides his wife, Naddi's victims were Habib Sabbagh, 73, and Lillian Sabbagh, 58, their son, Michael Sabbagh, 38, and Aida, Naddi's brother-in-law, Osama Mashini, 38, an actor and comedian in Jordan.

The same jury that heard evidence in Naddi's first sanity trial convicted him of the murders in June 1985.

Naddi's in-laws, from a prominent family in Amman, Jordan, were staying at his residence

when they were killed. During his guilt-phase

testimony, Naddi said "it was (God's) will" that he shoot them.

Refugee admissions: The Bush administration will hold admissions of refugees to the United States to 125,000 in the next fiscal year, an increase of slightly less than eight per cent from this year, according to a congressional source.

The administration, which doubled the allotment for people from the Soviet Union this year to 50,000, has decided the country cannot handle more and will leave the figure the same for the year beginning Oct 1, the source said yesterday.

The congressional source, affiliated with the immigration subcommittee of the Senate judiciary committee, said, "the issue is not the numbers but the backlog." He estimated there are 20,000 Soviet emigrants in Rome and Vienna awaiting US decisions on their eligibility to enter the United States. (AP)

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Patrol dispatcher Vic Hopper said three deaths were confirmed in the 4 pm (2000 GMT) yesterday's accident.

About two inches (five centimetres) of hail fell on the area yesterday afternoon, and a tractor-trailer rig lost control on the slick pavement and crushed two cars against the guard rail. At least nine other vehicles piled up behind, a patrol spokeswoman said.

The highway was closed more than two hours after the crash, officials said. (AP)

Conference on climate change: Environmental ministers from at least 50 nations are expected here in November to discuss the mounting threats posed by pollution-induced climate changes, the Dutch government announced yesterday.

The conference, scheduled for Nov 6-7, will focus on ways to curb the gradual warming of the earth's atmosphere, or Greenhouse effect, by reducing carbon dioxide emissions from cars and factories worldwide. Environmental Ministry spokesman Paul Van Den Burg said.

Higher atmospheric temperatures may eventually lead to a rise in sea levels necessitating the evacuation of hundreds of millions from coastal plains, as well as a vast increase of drought zones in tropical areas. (AP)

3 bodies found: Three bodies were found yesterday on the outskirts of Guatemala City, one day after the discovery of the remains of three kidnapped students and a professor, authorities said.

The three bodies were not immediately identified, police and fire department officials said.

Like the bodies discovered earlier, the three corpses found yesterday had multiple gunshot wounds. The right hands on two of the bodies had



Koch campaigns

New York Mayor Edward Koch faced a hard challenge on Tuesday in his bid for an unprecedented fourth four-year term. He was behind in opinion polls in the city's closest mayoral primary in 12 years.

No matter who wins the Democratic nomination, Koch and Manhattan Borough president David Dinkins agreed on one thing: a rally on Wednesday to kick off the fall campaign against the Republicans.

Dinkins had 48 per cent of the Democratic vote and Koch had 47 per cent in a late poll conducted on Sunday and Monday. On the Republican side, polls have shown former federal prosecutor Rudolph Giuliani leading with about two-thirds of the vote over cosmetics businessman Ronald Lauder, former ambassador to Austria.

Koch hasn't faced a battle like this since 1977, when he won the office after a close primary, followed by runoff and general election races against Mario Cuomo, now the governor of New York state. Koch handily won his primaries in 1981 and 1985. (Reuter wirephoto)

been severed, said authorities, who did not want to be identified by name.

No person or group has claimed responsibility for any of the killings. Authorities said they have no clues as to who is behind a series of bombings and slayings that began July 19 with an explosion that destroyed a transmitter belonging to a television network. (AP)

12 Dominicans dead:

Twelve bodies were picked out of the water and the Dominican Navy searched yesterday for more victims after a boat loaded with illegal immigrants capsized, officials said.

The civil defence said the boat capsized Sept 5 three nautical miles west of Higuey. Civil defence officials said the search for survivors would be discontinued.

Civil Defence Director Eugenio Cabral said 70 persons were aboard the boat, which set sail last week from the Dominican Republic's east coast. Nine survivors had been rescued as of yesterday, he said.

The men were treated in Higuey Hospital for dehydration, exposure and bruises. (AP)

Plan to combat:

Senator Edward Kennedy, Democrat-Massachusetts, and representative Louis Stokes, Democrat-Ohio, announced plans to introduce legislation that would allocate more than \$400 million to combat minority health problems blamed for 60,000 deaths each year.

The disadvantaged minority

health improvement act, to be introduced, would authorise spending over the next three years to promote health and prevent disease among minorities, encourage minority students to enter the health professions and co-ordinate health programme for US territories in the Pacific.

"Despite the unprecedented explosion in scientific knowledge and the growing capacity of medical science to diagnose, treat, cure and prevent disease, most of our minority citizens have not benefited fully or equitably from these improvements or from those systems providing essential health care services," Kennedy said. (UPI)

Bar inquiry:

The Massachusetts

Bar has opened preliminary disciplinary proceedings against US Congressman Barney Frank, a Massachusetts Democrat, who recently admitted paying a male prostitute for sex, the Washington Times newspaper reports.

The bar is a law court for the legal profession.

The proceedings were triggered when George Washington University professor John F. Banzhaf III last week filed a complaint with the state's board of overseers.

Assistant board counsel Terence Troyer told the Times in an interview from Boston on Friday, "the board's proceedings are automatic once a complaint has been filed. Frank has 20 days to respond in writing, and Banzhaf may then submit a counter-response. (AP)

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Confab charts anti-drug strategy

VIENNA, Sept 12, (AP): Top government and law-enforcement officials from about 100 countries convened yesterday to trade strategies at a UN conference on fighting illegal drug traffic.

"With worldwide traffic in drugs now second only to that in armaments we are forced to face the sobering fact that humankind is predominantly engaged in the commerce of self-destruction," Margaret J. Anstee, director general of the UN office in Vienna, told the opening of the

five-day meeting.

Praising Colombia's recent offensive against the cocaine-smuggling Medellin cartel, she said: "The Colombian government has faced with a stark choice: it had either to declare an all-out war on the traffickers, or, in effect, to surrender.

"In an act of immense courage it has unequivocally chosen the former course and by so doing has earned itself a place in the history of what has become, for all of us, a world against drugs," Ms Anstee told

the delegates.

"If Colombia were to lose this war, we should all be lost," she said.

The meeting comes one week after US President George Bush proposed a \$7.9-billion war on narcotics with harsher penalties for American users, and pledged US military help to any government that requests it.

To attack cocaine at its source, Bush proposed a four-fold increase in the

amount of military and law enforcement aid for Colombia, Bolivia and Peru to \$261.2 million in 1990.

Bush has already pledged Colombia's narcotics forces \$65 million in military equipment and much of it has been delivered.

The conference participants will review UN statistics on the latest trends in illicit drug seizures which show increases in all categories.

We'll do it again, warns Pinochet

SANTIAGO, Sept 12, (AP): Right-wing military President Augusto Pinochet had tears in his eyes as he gave his last state-of-the-nation address yesterday, and said he is ready to take power again if necessary.

His 38-minute, broadcast live on national radio and television, marked the 16th anniversary of his bloody Sept 11, 1973 coup. He is to surrender rule to an elected civilian government next March.

As he spoke, riot police used water cannons and tear gas to scatter scores of demonstrators trying to enter Santiago's general cemetery to pay tribute to people killed in anti-leftist repression after the coup. No arrests were reported.

Similar disturbances were reported in the northern city of Iquique, 1,850 kms (1,100 miles) north of Santiago. Radio Cooperativa reported about 100 people were detained in Iquique.

Pinochet, 73, who commands the powerful Army, warned that the military will not allow the future civilian government to bring back "democratic policies."

He spoke at length of economic progress under his administration, saying Chile was "very close to the most advanced nations."

Several thousand people lined Santiago's main boulevard to see Pinochet ride the eight blocks from the presidential palace to a government building to deliver his speech in front of 3,000 government officials, military officers, diplomats and other guests.

With his voice breaking and his eyes full of tears, he recalled "the untenable criticism" he has suffered and the unsuccessful attempt on his life three years ago.

He claimed his government has "restored an authentic democracy in Chile" and added, "as spite of all this, we would do it again if necessary, even if we had to offer our own lives."

The President announced an across-the-board 12 per cent salary increase for all government workers effective Dec 1. In addition, he said, all government employees will be paid a 6,000-peso (320 dollars) bonus this month.

Patricia Aylwin, a 70-year-old former senator president and law professor supported by a coalition of 17 opposition parties, is heavily favoured to win the December election.

Aylwin voiced confidence yesterday that he would win the December vote and said Chile's move to democracy was "irreversible".

The Christian Democrat also said that an Aylwin government would "shed light on the facts and bring to justice violations of human rights" committed under a military junta since 1973.

Iran-Contra judge seeks Bush papers

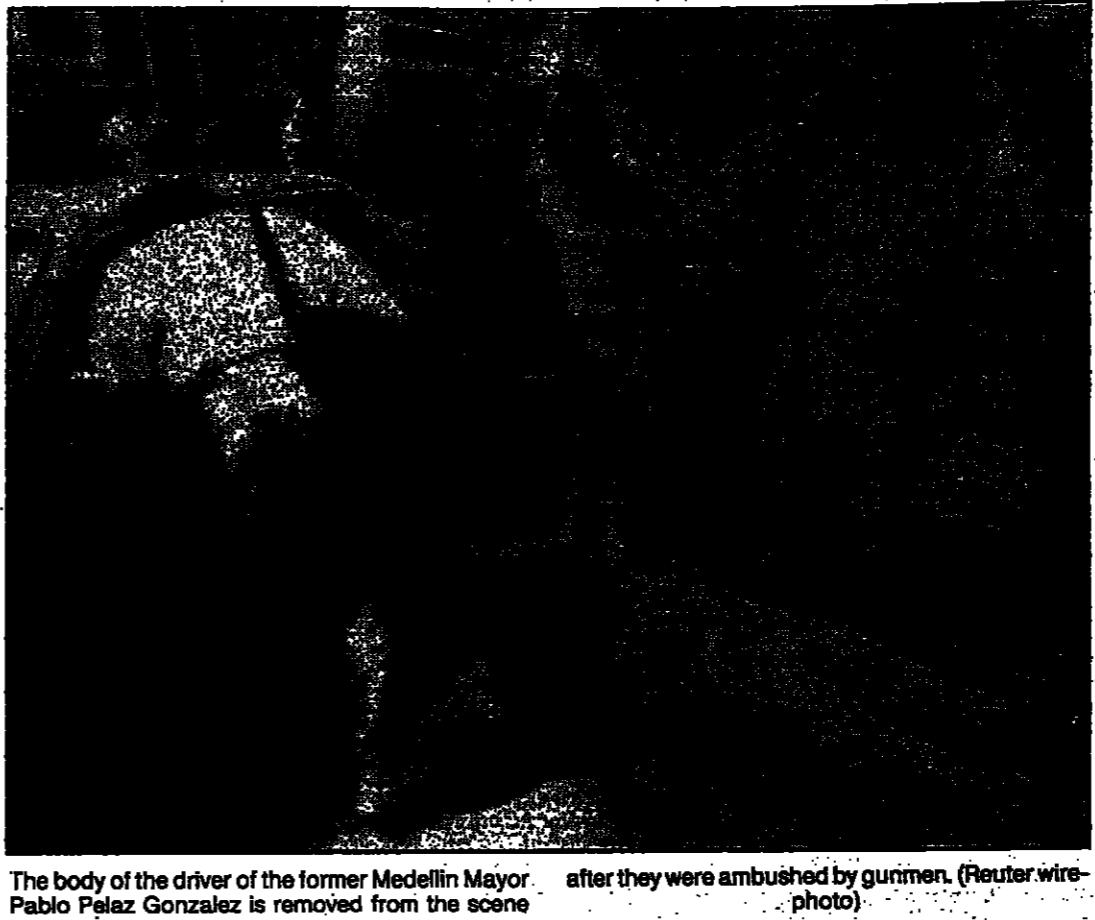
WASHINGTON, Sept 12, (Kuna): At the request of John Pounds, former national security adviser, a US district court judge on the Iran-Contra affair has said that he would order former president Reagan and President Bush to turn over personal notes and diaries if Pounds can prove they are critical to his defense.

Judge Harold Greene also indicated that he would require Reagan and Bush to testify at Pounds' trial if the retired admiral can show that he needs their evidence.

Pounds' lawyers said that Bush, who was vice-president when the scandal broke, was personally briefed by Pounds "anytime he missed a meeting" at which the Reagan administration's secret Iran-Contra operations were discussed.

Greene said that Pounds' claims "if literally correct," would clearly entitle him to the papers he is seeking. But the judge added that the defendant's assertions at last week's hearing were too "general and ambiguous" to support a final ruling.

Federal magistrate Venetia Tassopoulos, in accepting the plea, said US judge Robert Takasugi or another magistrate would decide later whether to



The body of the driver of the former Medellin Mayor Pablo Pelaz Gonzalez is removed from the scene after they were ambushed by gunmen. (Reuter wirephoto)

Gonzalez: ambushed

US combat role in drug war ruled out

Involvement only advisory: Bush

WASHINGTON, Sept 12, (Agencies): Attempting to quell fears of a Vietnam-like entanglement in Colombia, US President George Bush vowed to limit American military involvement to an advisory role.

"Let me state clearly: None of the Andean nations have asked for US troops, and there is no contemplation of the use of American armed forces in any combat role there," Bush said in a speech yesterday.

"Our personnel will provide training, equipment and operational support as we have been asked to do," he said. "And I will see that it works just exactly that way."

International drug trade

Colombia tops

WASHINGTON, Sept 12, (AP): Colombia's Medellin and Cali cartels have dominated international drug trade for at least a decade with organisations that resemble corporations, according to a congressional report.

US law enforcement agencies agree that the Cali cartel "although smaller in number, runs a much more business-like, less high-profile operation than the Medellin cartel," according to the report by minority staff members of the Senate permanent subcommittee on investigations.

The Associated Press yesterday obtained a copy of the report, which was to be detailed at committee hearings today and tomorrow.

"We found that there are coherent, identifiable, fixed cocaine trafficking organisations which exist and have directed the international cocaine trade for at least 10 years," the report said.

"Medellin appears to be more loosely organised, informal and spontaneous in its operational style than Cali. In fact, some law enforcement officials believe Cali actually ships more cocaine to the United States than Medellin."

The Bush administration says 80 per cent of the cocaine in the United States is processed in and shipped from Colombia, although 60 per cent of the coca leaf is grown in Peru, 30 per cent in Bolivia and only 10 per cent in Colombia.

A rivalry between the Medellin and Cali cartels "does not yet appear to have either threatened the existence or significantly affected the operations of these two cartels," according to the report.

In addition to the two major cartels, there are "secondary trafficking groups" along Colombia's north coast that borders the Caribbean.

"Many of those traffickers, the report said, 'rent a variety of their smuggling services' to the top two cartels as well as conduct their own trafficking operations."

The report doesn't attempt to determine how the organisations may have been affected by the crackdown imposed by Colombian President Virgilio Barco on Aug 18.

Zuno pleads not guilty

LOS ANGELES, Sept 12, (UPI): A suspected narcotics trafficker who has been held in federal jurisdictions in California and Texas for more than a month

Zuno was arrested by US Immigration and Naturalisation Service officials in San Antonio on Aug 9 as a suspected narcotics trafficker. He also was wanted by a grand jury in Los Angeles for questioning as a material witness in the 1985 slaying of American drug agent Enrique Camarena in Mexico.

Federal magistrate Venetia Tassopoulos, in accepting the plea, said US judge Robert Takasugi or another magistrate would decide later whether to

release Ruben Zuno Arce, 59, who has been held in federal jurisdictions in California and Texas for more than a month

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NEWS IN BRIEF



Welcome Dalai Lama

The Dalai Lama, the Tibetan spiritual leader and former ruler of Tibet, was welcomed by a Tibetan girl in traditional dress just before the start of the Tibetan youth congress on Sept 11 in the Himalayan town of McLeod Ganj. He told advocating guerrilla war against China violence would be suicidal. (Reuter wirephoto)



Gigantic

The Soviet Navy's nuclear-powered naval auxiliary SSV-33 of the Kapusta class, recently deployed from the Baltic Sea en route to a new home port in the Pacific Ocean, is the largest ship ever completed in the Baltic. (Reuter wirephoto)



Soviet-Indonesia co-op

President Mikhail Gorbachev and Indonesian President Suharto yesterday signed a wide-ranging statement pledging co-operation in arms control, ecology and trade. Tass reported.

The official news agency said the two leaders signed the eight-page document in the Kremlin during the first visit of an Indonesian president to the Soviet Union in 25 years.

Picture shows Gorbachev and Suharto exchanging copies of the statement. (Reuter wirephoto)

Chip can think

LONDON, Sept 12, (Kuna): The world's first computer chip that can think for itself has been developed in Britain, it was announced here today.

The neural chip, which will give robots intelligence, is the result of brilliant work by young computer scientist, Dr Simon Jones, at the University of Wales in Bangor.

Dr Jones, 31, announced the breakthrough today during a function at the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

He told the annual meeting that like the human brain, the new chip had its own neural networks.

But he warned that his team's work was not progressing as fast as it could, because of a shortage of money for research in Britain.

Russian subs pose a threat

LONDON, Sept 12, (Reuter): Nato faces its greatest threat from Moscow's large submarine fleet, which could block US reinforcements for Europe after a Soviet invasion, says a new book on underwater warfare.

"A (Soviet) nuclear submarine is launched every seven weeks and a conventional type every 10 weeks, although the latter are mainly for export," said Bernard Blake, editor of "Jane's Underwater Warfare Systems 1989-90."

In a foreword to the book, published on Wednesday, he said the Soviet submarine fleet was nearly double the size of the North Atlantic alliance's and numbered 350 vessels with more than 100 on strength.

"If war erupted in Europe, he said, the United States would have to transport the bulk of its reinforcements and equipment by ship while the Warsaw Pact would be able to do so overland.

"With over 200 hostile attack submarines lying in wait, armed with torpedoes and other weapons, the life of the average troop or merchant vessel could be very short," Blake said.

"The eventual outcome of an all-out submarine war or blockade is difficult to forecast, but the one certain thing is that it would cost an untold number of ships before effective countermeasures would start to deter the opposition."



Brundtland talks with journalists about the elections. (Reuter wirephoto)

Equal rights for transsexuals: The European Parliament today called for an end to discrimination against people who decide to change sex.

It said in a resolution that sex change surgery and any related psychological treatment should be reimbursed by the 12 European Economic Community governments.

The parliament also demanded legal protection of transsexuals at the work-place, saying that between 60 and 80 per cent of people who change sex are unemployed. (Reuter)

Etna spews lava: Mount Etna, Europe's most active volcano, rumbled, spewed lava and lit up the night sky in a new eruption.

Civil defence officials said there was no immediate danger of inhabited areas because the lava has not flowed below 8,500 feet (2,600 metres).

"It's spectacular, a lot of molten ash has poured out," said Salvo Pennisi of the newspaper *La Sicilia*.

Etna was shaken by tremors over the weekend and the eruption began yesterday in a crater 9,900 feet (3,000 metres) high on the southeastern slope, said Renato Cristofolini, and expert monitoring the volcanic activity. (AP)

Bush to approve: Anti-nuclear activists are protesting the launch next month of a nuclear-powered space probe, but officials say US President George Bush will not block the flight.

The President is expected by next week to authorise the use of a 38-tonne nuclear generator to provide electrical power for the Galileo space craft, scheduled for launch to Jupiter from the shuttle Atlantis on Oct 12.

The nuclear power plant is similar to the one the 12-year Voyager 2 spacecraft used so successfully on its 12-year journey to Neptune and beyond, and on 21 other space devices. (AP)

Space rocket launch: A space rocket will be launched from an airborne plane for the first time next month, Western European space officials said today.

The experimental flight will shoot an unmanned Pegasus rocket horizontally from the underbelly of a B-52 bomber in the United States at a height of between 12,000 and 16,000 metres (40,000 and 45,000 feet).

Its own rockets will then fire it into space.

Western European space firm Arianespace, which already controls more than half the world's commercial satellite market, will say the 15-metre (49-foot) long, 22-tonne Pegasus will be used to carry small satellites into space if the market proves large enough. (Reuter)

Swiss to change law: The canton of Zurich has proposed to the federal council to change the narcotics law, a Swiss daily reported today.

By 76 votes to 67, the Grand Council of Zurich voted for a legalisation of hashish and for a decriminalisation of use of hard drugs as well as their acquisition for personal use. (Tribune de Genve reported)

Soviet delegation arrives: Chinese officials today welcomed the first Soviet parliamentary delegation to visit China since the two countries normalised relations in May.

The six-member Supreme Soviet delegation, led by Anatoly Lukyanov, vice president of its presidium, will be in China for six days, and is to tour the cities of Wuhan and Shanghai, Soviet officials said.

It is the first parliamentary group to come to China since Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev normalised party and government ties in a May visit, the first by a Soviet leader to China in 30 years. Gorbachev's trip was overshadowed by the sweeping pro-democracy demonstrations. (AP)

Cheney warns of veto: Defence Secretary Dick Cheney warned Congress yesterday that he would urge President Bush to veto its defence bill if the House of Representatives version cutting new programmes is approved.

"The House bill would decimate our strategic (weapons) modernisation programme and unnecessarily impair relations with our Nato allies," Cheney said in a letter. "If this bill were presented to the President, I would recommend that he veto it."

The House bill would scrap Bush's mobile nuclear missile plans, hold up the Stealth B-2 bomber programme until the air force cuts its \$70 billion cost and slash \$1.8 billion off Bush's "Star Wars" anti-missile research request. (Reuter)

Underwent thorough inspection: The Norwegian Charter plane that crashed off the Denmark coast Friday killing 55 people underwent 600 hours of inspection and maintenance at Kelowna Flightcraft Ltd. This summons a company spokesman.

"We certainly did a thorough inspection," Jim Rogers, part owner of Flightcraft and its director of maintenance, said Sunday.

Hans-Joergen Hansen, director of rescue operations for Denmark, has attributed the crash of Partair Airlines' Convair CV-580 Metropolitan turbo-prop to metal fatigue. (AP)

Heading for USSR: Several thousand Scandinavian young people are headed for Moscow this week in hopes of meeting Soviet youth and demonstrating against the arms race and nuclear power, organisers said today.

The issue is whether the world is worth the trouble.

Debates

The issue has split Catholics and revived debates about lingering anti-Semitism in Europe. Many Jews regard the covenant at the camp, where at least 2.5 million Jews were among the estimated 4 million Auschwitz victims, as an offensive intrusion.

In Washington, the World Jewish Congress said yesterday it has filed a complaint with Unesco, the United Nations cultural agency, charging that a Carmelite convent on the grounds of the Nazi's Auschwitz death camp violates a 1972 UN agreement.

"Under terms of the Unesco convention, Poland is obligated to ensure that the character of the Auschwitz site is not altered," Kalman Sutnik, vice-president of World Jewish Congress, said in announcing the complaint.

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Appeal begins

"There is reason to view it as a politically motivated murder," he said, arguing that Petterson sympathised with Palme's politics and admired the social Democratic leader. Lijerors also said there was no forensic evidence pointing to Petterson as the killer.

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Brundtland talks with journalists about the elections. (Reuter wirephoto)

US indecisive: Moscow Bush accused of depriving world of arms accord

MOSCOW, Sept 12, (AP): Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze accused US President George Bush yesterday of depriving the world of major arms control agreements by not taking advantage of opportunities created by the administration of former president Reagan.

Shevardnadze made the harsh criticism in an interview with the government daily Izvestia in advance of his Sept 22-23 meeting with US Secretary of State James Baker.

The criticism was remarkable because it dealt not only with arms control but the US attitude toward perestroika, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's reform programme. It contrasted with generally optimistic com-

ments by Soviet officials lately about US-Soviet relations.

"I think that because of the restrained, indecisive position of the American administration, both the USA and the USSR, as well as the entire world community, have lost a lot," Shevardnadze said in the interview, which was splashed across a half-page.

He contrasted the "constraint and timidity" of the Bush administration on arms control with progress made during Reagan's presidency, which ended in January.

After recent stormy years, a peculiar lull has set in. The tempo of movement toward new agreements, in any case on the key directions of real nuclear disarmament, don't sat-

isfy us," Shevardnadze said.

The Soviet envoy contrasted the 1987 superpower agreement to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear weapons with a lack of progress under Bush on pacts to reduce strategic, or long-range, nuclear weapons and ban nuclear weapons tests.

In June, he said, Soviet negotiators entered resumed talks on strategic arms with fresh proposals, but despite "promised new ideas," our American partners frequently preferred to cite a lack of principle decisions in Washington, he said.

The United States and the Soviet Union are near an accord on a detailed plan for trial inspections of each others' chemical weapons



Yeltsin: decentralize
Yeltsin meets Bush in 'drop by'

WASHINGTON, Sept 12, (Agencies): Maverick Soviet politician Boris Yeltsin met US President George Bush for about 15 minutes today, but the White House played down the meeting's importance to avoid the appearance it was interfering in Moscow's internal affairs.

Bush had been scheduled to see Yeltsin for just a few minutes during what the White House described as a "drop by" at a 75-minute meeting between Yeltsin and National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft.

The White House said the longer talk still qualified as a "drop by." Reporters and photographers were barred from the session and the White House said it would not follow its customary practice of releasing an official photograph.

"We do want to be clear that United States policy is to support glasnost and perestroika and the reforms under way in the Soviet Union and, so, we didn't want to indicate we were trying to provide a platform for dissent," White House spokesman Marvin Fitzwater said of Bush's decision to limit his talk with Yeltsin.

He said the White House believed Yeltsin is an important figure for his country's development, but added, "We don't want to do anything to foster internal conflict that might be associated with his tour."

Yeltsin cut short a talk in Baltimore after hearing he would be received at the White House.

Yeltsin says the Soviet Union must move swiftly to decentralise its government as part of a solution to quell nationalist uprisings in its republics.

Speaking yesterday evening at Columbia University, Yeltsin said the Kremlin for too long has suppressed the self-respect of numerous peoples within its realm of power.

"The feeling of national dignity was constantly being crushed in our country," he said. "If they even wanted to build a school, they had to go hat in hand, so to speak, to Moscow. It was very offensive."

Yeltsin, 58, a maverick ousted as Moscow's communist party chief in 1987 but who then elected to parliament with overwhelming popular support, arrived in New York Saturday on private tour.

Once stability was achieved in an area, it should be allowed self-determination and, decide its relationship with the Soviet Union.

"That should really be left up to them to decide," he said to applause from the more than 700 people who packed the university's low-memorial library rotunda.

Yeltsin also suffers from a degenerative spinal disease that makes it difficult for him to stand for extended periods, she said.

When he returned after 45 minutes, the prime minister apologised and said: "I am very sorry but this is a result of several weeks of too intensive work, and I have reached the same condition as the Polish economy. But I have overcome it and I hope the economy will do it as well."

The problem is serious enough, he said, that he was cutting his two-week tour short by a week to attend a special meeting in Moscow to discuss it.

If the problem is to be solved, the politburo must be reinvigorated with progressive-thinking leaders, Yeltsin said.

Giving the Soviet hotspots more power to govern themselves would greatly reduce tensions, he said.

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Her refusal to step down meant the opposition would have to try to defeat her when Parliament convenes on Oct 2.

Opposition leader Jan P. Syse of the Conservative Party, which also suffered heavy losses, admitted that "it was not the best result for forming an alternative government."

List of cabinet

WARSAW, Sept 12, (UPI): Here is the cabinet of Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki, as approved today by the Polish parliament:

Prime Minister: Tadeusz Mazowiecki

Deputy prime ministers: Czeslaw Janicki — Peasant Party, Czeslaw Kiszczak — Communist Party, Jan Janowski — Democratic Party, Leszek Balcerowicz — Solidarity.

Government portfolios: Solidarity: Construction — Aleksander Paszynski, Industry — Tadeusz Syrycyc, Education — Henryk Samsonowicz, Co-operation with the West — Aleksander Hall, Culture — Izabella Cywinski, Labour and Social Affairs — Leszek Balcerowicz, Finance — Leszek Trzcienski, Undersecretary for Finance — Witold Trzcienski, Council for Economic Planning — Jacek Ambrozy, Central Planning Office — Jerzy Osiatynski, Foreign Ministry — Krzysztof Skubiszewski (independent — links with church and Solidarity).

Peasant Party: Interior Ministry — Czeslaw Kiszczak, Defence Ministry — Florjan Siwicki, Transportation — Franciszek Adam Wieland, Foreign Trade — Marcin Swiecki.

Peasant Party: Justice — Aleksander Bentkowski, Agriculture — Czeslaw Janicki, Health — Andrzej Kosiniak-Kamysz, Environment — Bronislaw Kaminski.

Democratic Party: Home Trade — Aleksander Mackiewicz, Communications — Marek Kucharski, Office for Technical Development — Jan Janowski.

Rural Solidarity, Rural Social Affairs — Artur Bela.

The positions of director of local administration, which went to Communist Party member Jerzy Kolodzinski, and information and radio-TV, which is still vacant, are not part of the cabinet and do not meet confirmation by Parliament.

Labour suffers setback as voters switch

Brundtland likely to remain in office

OSLO, Sept 12, (AP): When the dust settled today from Norway's turbulent national election, not much seemed to have changed

Opinion differs on Ethiopia dialogue

ADDIS ABABA, Sept. 12. (Reuters): Ethiopian President Mengistu Haile Mariam said today that peace talks with Eritrean rebels were on the verge of collapse.

Mengistu, in a speech marking the 15th anniversary of the uprising which brought him to power, blamed the rebels of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) and said they were not committed to ending 28 years of civil war.

But a rebel leader attending the talks in Atlanta, the United States, predicted they would succeed.

Government representatives and rebel leaders there said the talks, which had been scheduled to end yesterday, would be extended for another day in an effort to choose mediators and define their roles.

In his speech Mengistu said: "The EPLF representatives did not show any commitment to peace but the Ethiopian delegation is doing all it can to prevent the talks from collapsing over trivial matters."

The EPLF has been fighting since 1961 for independence of Eritrea province, an arid strip of rugged mountains along the Red Sea.

Rebel leader Isaias Afewerki said in Atlanta he expected there would be a full round of negotiations within six months.

Caro was a likely site, he said, and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and former US president Jimmy Carter were likely choices as mediators. Carter is hosting the present discussions.

Mengistu also hinted that government forces would strike back against rebels in Tigray and Wollo provinces, whom he blamed for launching a military offensive one week before talks opened in Atlanta.

The Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) and their allies the Ethiopian People's Democratic Movement (EPDM) said they killed 1,025 government troops and overran all of northwest Wollo after government attacks on August 29.

The TPLF should have known that the harboring guerrillas are causing in northern Ethiopia shall not pass unpunished," Mengistu said.

In a separate announcement on the eve of Mengistu's speech, Ethiopian television said the government has released over 200 prisoners being held in Eritrea.

It said that only a small portion of the prisoners were being held for political reasons and the vast majority had been convicted of common crimes.

Hundreds of thousands of people have died in Ethiopia's wars and 800,000 have fled as refugees.

Preliminary peace talks between the Eritrean People's Liberation Front and Ethiopian officials have neared the end of their fourth day.

4 on trial in Sudan

KHARTOUM, Sept. 12. (AP): A special military tribunal has begun a trial of a former relief official, a former northern region governor and two others on charges of squandering public funds.

Special tribunal number one, chaired by Col. Mohamed Bashir Suleiman, began its first session here by hearing a testimony by police interrogator Maj. Bakir Ali as first prosecution witness.

The witness said the four defendants are accused of selling powdered milk donated by the European Community for the flood affected northern region and failing to retrieve the price.

He said former commissioner for relief and rehabilitation Dr. Haj Al-Tayeb Al-Tahir, former northern region governor Dr. Majazin Al-Khalifa and two other former officials collectively sold the milk to an agent for 1.5 million Sudanese pounds (\$330,000) against an invalid cheque.

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Mubarak polls plan splits Israeli cabinet

Palestinians warned on mounting violence

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept. 12. (Agencies): Israel's coalition government split along party lines today on a 10-point plan proposed by Egypt for holding Palestinian elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The plan, first conveyed to Israel over the summer by a US congressman, has emerged in recent days as the central topic of discussion in the stalled Middle East peace process.

Labour Party leader Shimon Peres today expressed his willingness to

begin negotiations using the Egyptian plan as a starting point.

"If the Palestinians agree to elections and are willing to arrange a delegation whose stand will be more or less like what is written in the 10 points, we will go to a meeting with our position and begin to hold negotiations," the vice-premier told Army radio.

But Foreign Minister Moshe Arens, a leader of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's right-wing Likud Party, told a closed meeting of a Parliament committee that Israel would not consider the plan until Egypt officially submitted it, Israel Radio said.

Shamir said on Sunday that his peace initiative unveiled this spring was the only proposal being considered. Army radio reported that prime minister does not want to discuss the Egyptian plan in the cabinet.

The plan drafted by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was designed to expand on the Israeli initiative and make it more acceptable to the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

The Likud's major objections to the plan are the call for trading territory for peace, ending settlements in the occupied territories, and the participation of East Jerusalem Arabs in Palestinian elections.

But one Israeli source in Jerusalem, who asked not to be identified, said the plan could serve as a bridge between the Israeli and Palestinian positions if discussion on settlements and land for peace were postponed.

"These 10 points are seen positively (in Israel) because they have an advantage: the PLO is not mentioned," he said.

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat met yesterday with Mubarak in Cairo and according to Egyptian press reports was preparing to support the 10 points.

Also today, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin briefed Shamir on his talks last week in Washington with US Secretary of State James Baker.

Uprising

In the occupied territories today, at least eight Palestinians were wounded by gunfire during clashes with Israeli soldiers, Palestinian and military sources said.

The Israeli plan calls for elections in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip to choose Palestinians for talks on an interim autonomy period, with the final status of the occupied territories being determined later.

The 10 points put forward by Mubarak include Israeli acceptance of the US-backed concept of trading land for peace and allowing the 140,000 Arabs living in annexed East Jerusalem to participate in the balloting.

Warning

An Israeli general has warned Palestinians in the occupied areas the Army will not tolerate a surge in violence, sparked by a deadlock in Arab-Israeli peace efforts.

Israeli forces killed an Arab gunman and captured another in south Lebanon yesterday after three soldiers were wounded in the second border clash in three days and the eighth in two weeks.

Three Palestinians were found dead in the occupied areas, raising to eight the number of dead in the last 48 hours.

In an interview on Israeli television, Brig. Gen. Shaike Erez, head of the civil administration that governs the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

He repeated today that he believed Israel should open negotiations on elections if the Palestinians accepted the 10 points.

They largely concern terms of the elections — including guarantees that the results will be honoured and the voting will be conducted without Israeli interference.

Always present

One of the three Israeli soldiers wounded Sept. 11 in an ambush by Arab commandos in Israel's self-declared south Lebanon security zone receives treatment in hospital. Israeli troops captured a commando and killed another during searches after a fire fight. (Reuters wirephoto)

Egypt resumes AL council seat

Always present

TUNIS, Sept. 12. (Reuters): Egypt sat down to a working meeting of the Arab League council today for the first time in a decade.

Suspended in 1979 for making peace with Israel, Egypt was welcomed back to the League in May when President Hosni Mubarak joined an Arab summit meeting in Casablanca.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Maguid told the opening council session in Tunis: "Egypt was not absent and cannot be absent for one moment from the Arab world."

"Egypt's efforts to restore the national rights of the Palestinian people do not need mentioning — Egypt is now working to push forward the peace process and mobilise international efforts to hold an international peace conference," he added.

He called Tunis the temporary headquarters of the Arab League but did not mention any plans to move the headquarters back to Egypt back.

The agenda for the three-day meeting includes Lebanon, the Palestinian problem, negotiations between Iran and Iraq, the Euro-Arab dialogue and Afro-Arab co-operation.

The only other foreign ministers expected to attend are Jaddal Azzour Al-Talhi of Libya, Abdellah Esseikh of Tunisia and Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the political department of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

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US report blames Army

5,000 Somalis killed

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12. (AP): The Somali Army murdered at least 5,000 unarmed civilians over an 11-month period, according to a report commissioned by the State Department.

The report, prepared by consultant Robert Gersony, described the death toll estimate as conservative.

The victims were members of the Issak minority, a group accused by the central government of aiding insurgents. The report said the Issaks weren't in rebellion and didn't pose an immediate threat to the government.

The slaying, according to the report, began after attacks by the rebel Somali National Movement on the towns of Burao and Hargeisa in May 1988.

The Somali armed forces conducted what appears to be a systematic pattern of attacks against unarmed, civilian Issak villages, watering points and grazing areas of northern Somalia, killing many of their residents and forcing the survivors to flee for safety to remote areas, the report said.

Simultaneously, the Somali armed forces engaged in a pattern of roundups, summary executions and massacres of many hundreds, if not more, unarmed civilian Issaks.

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1,300 buses provided for student transportation

KPTC studying Kuwait-Bahrain route

THE assistant managing director at the Kuwait Public Transportation Company (KPTC) for transportation and operation affairs Essam Al Rifai has said that KPTC provided schools of the Education Ministry, Public Authority for Applied Education and Training and Kuwait University with 1,300 air-conditioned buses to transport students to and from their schools, institutes and faculties during the new academic year. He added that the company has signed a three-year agreement with the Education Ministry to provide it with 1,100 of these buses.

It also signed an agreement with PAAET to provide it with 168 buses, in addition to 30 buses that will be given to the authority during the coming few days. A contract has also been signed with Kuwait University to provide it with 8 buses including one specialised for handicapped students, he said.

Rifai pointed out that KPTC offers

transportation services for different government establishments like the air bases of Defence Ministry, military hospital, border centres, Failaka Island, Kharan and Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC). He added that the company carried out an experiment to transport employees at the Ministries Complex from and to the complex a few years ago. The experiment lasted three months, and in the final analysis it was decided that the project needs further study and co-operation from all public servants to reduce traffic congestion at roads during rush hours.

Rifai added that KPTC is now running two touristic buses at the route of the Water Front. Initially, this route was being serviced by a single bus, but another was added due to an increase of travellers. KPTC also operates two ferry boats for touristic activities. The fees of the touristic bus are 250 fils for a complete circle round

the Water Front while a ticket of the ferry boat costs one dinar, he said.

Commenting on plans and ambitions of KPTC, Rifai pointed out that the company is looking forward to specialised routes and roads for public buses. We also hope that traffic rules will give priority to the buses at roads. The company has no intention to increase the tariff of its buses, the official said and consequently, the company has no plans to increase the payments of drivers of the public buses because they get good salaries compared to drivers at other government establishments or private companies. The driver at KPTC gets a basic salary of 130 dinars a month, plus 15 dinars work allowance, 20 dinars as maintenance allowance and 25 dinars for collecting money from passengers, he said.

The company also grants financial rewards to drivers who have been recommended for exemplary service, given to

him with his salary to encourage him to take every passenger at the bus station. He added that payments of drivers and employees at KPTC are considered high compared to the difficult economic situations.

Rifai pointed out that more than 250,000 passengers use buses of the company daily beside pupils of schools. The company has plans to operate new routes at new housing areas like Qurain and a new route linking Fahheel and Ahmadi with Jahra. He added that KPTC received new buses that will carry passengers between Kuwait and Jordan. A study is being conducted to determine the feasibility of running buses between Kuwait and Bahrain through the Saudi-Bahraini Causeway.

KPTC will also build new bus stations at Salimya, Jabiya, Jileeb Al Shiyukh and Fahheel and is also working to develop the main bus station in Murgab area, the official said.

Green Island water polluted

OVERFLOWING sewage water near the Green Island at the Water Front cannot be attributed to defects at the Ardya station nor is the station a contributory factor to the sewage problem, Hamed Al Sarhan, head of the Sanitary Sewage Networks Maintenance Section at the Ministry of Public Works said.

Sarhan commented that the overflow of sewage water could possibly have been caused by the high and low Gulf tide movements. He went on to explain that it is quite likely that during high tides, sea water gushes into the sewer which would explain the overflow of sewage in the Rawdha area. Conversely, he said that during low tides, the sewers would flow out with some contents into the Gulf waters.

The latter, he said, would explain the complaints of some coastal front swimmers and beach goers who claimed that sewage waste is present in the proximity of sewer number six.

An official, who did not want to be identified said that it is not the first time that sewage water has overflowed from sewer number six. Officials at the

Water Front Project had repeatedly contacted the Environment Protection Council to have this issue solved. As a result, one of the experts at the council had visited the location at sewer number six and had stated in his report that a large number of fish were killed due to the sewage around the area.

Additionally, the Ministry of Public Works was also contacted and an engineer was provided to provide a first-hand report on the situation. He indicated initially that overflow is caused by rain and subsequently indicated that high pressure of sewage water at Ardya Station had compelled station operators to lighten the pressure by releasing sewage water through sewer number six into the Gulf.

The official added that the entire issue has been neglected by the Environment Protection Council despite the obvious harm which accrues to swimmers and beach goers. He said that officials at the Water Front Project had to post warning signs to prevent swimmers from approaching.

Buyers to be fined KD1000

Severe penalties for visa traders

THE illegal practice of trading in residence permits and visit visas is being given serious attention, and both sellers and purchasers will be subject to severe penalties, according to Major Ghazi Al Mohammed, acting director of the Immigration Intelligence Department.

The department has decided to concentrate the awareness programme for the current month on the problem of juvenile delinquency which recently started taking dangerous proportions.

On the main causes of juvenile delinquency, Mekhled said that family relations, bad company and too much leisure time are the basis of this problem. He said that the department will explain through its awareness programme the dangers that could result from leaving it undressed. It will stress on the important roles families and schools can play in solving the problem. He added that a number of lectures and seminars will be held and a number of films will also be shown on TV to show the harm that delinquent minors may cause to society.

Mekhled said that the awareness programme for this month will also focus on another dangerous problem, bad cheques. He emphasised on the need to apply the penalties stipulated in the Kuwaiti's penal code. He stressed that latest statistics clearly show that the cases of juvenile delinquency and bad cheques, were increasing.

Statistics show that minors committed over 811 crimes and misdemeanours during the first four months of this year. These cases included 177 crimes and 634 misdemeanours. Over 950 minors were involved in these cases. 535 of them were Kuwaitis and the rest belonged to other nationalities. The statistic added that the maximum number of cases were committed during the month of January and the lowest in the month of April. It said that 181 minors committed 177 crimes during the same period, which included 84 Kuwaitis. A total of 634 misdemeanours were committed by 769 minors who included 499 Kuwaitis. Common cases committed by the minors included robberies, drugs, liquor, forgery, traffic offences, use of arms, residence violations, labour offences and others. Cases also included beating, rape attempts, and fleeing from the minors welfare house.

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Pama as corporate body handled all affairs of the minors under its custody within the framework of Islamic laws. Minors enjoyed the privilege for special legal protection, as no money inherited could be handled, spent or paid before Pama could divide up the shares of the minors concerned.

Aviation society bemoans qualified manpower drain

GENERAL Secretary of the Kuwaiti Pilots and Aviation Engineers Society, Abdullah Al Flaij said that the society aims at preserving Kuwaiti pilots and aviation engineers' rights and upgrading their professional and cultural levels by providing them with information connected to developments in the aviation world.

He added that the society holds international courses for its members and participants in international conferences concerning aviation science. It encourages Kuwaiti youth towards joining the aviation corps to assist in implementing the Kuwaitisation policy of posts through awareness campaigns, exhibitions and cultural symposiums held by the society at its open weekly Diwamia, in addition to other programmes broadcast via audio-visual information media.

Flaij indicated that the Kuwaiti Pilots and Aviation Engineers Society is the only one in the Gulf area and is considered the only link which provides contact facilities with international conferences and other similar organisations.

Flaij said that the society in particular and the aviation field in Kuwait in general does not presently suffer from a lack of manpower. He stressed that Kuwaiti aviation workers and pilots prefer to serve their country despite benefits and advantages offered by other Gulf or international airways. He indicated that to train and qualify a pilot or an aviation engineer, the government pays KD250,000 per individual. Flaij pointed out that nearly one third of qualified Arab or foreign manpower trained at Kuwait Airways Corporation prefer to work at other airways. The society is currently studying this problem from a legal aspect to prevent this phenomenon from expanding further and ensuring that the corporations' financial investments on training do not go unrewarded.

Regarding the issue of Kuwaiti women avoiding manual work in the field of maintenance, Flaij said that implementing the night shift system is the main reason and adding that this did not stop five Kuwaiti women engineers from working at the Engineering Planning Department.

Disintegrator recommended for kidney stones

DR MOHAMMAD SABAH, a general surgeon and specialist in urinary tract infections at the Mubarak Al Kabeer Hospital, has recommended the use of the kidney stone disintegrator as an alternative to surgery in treating patients with kidney stones.

He said in the course of an interview with a local daily, that complications associated with the disintegration process were very few, and that the stone disinte-

grating equipment must be operated by highly-qualified specialists, to minimise the chance of having to use endoscopes to remove the irregular remains of disintegrated stones.

The disintegration apparatus cost KD250,000 and meets the requirements of a health area with 100,000 inhabitants, compared to the cost of surgical operation to remove kidney stone which could reach

KD1,500 with the patient having to stay at the hospital for one or two weeks.

Patients needing kidney stone removal by disintegration do not have to stay in the hospital and whole operation could cost between KD50 to 100. Only in a few isolated cases do patients have to be admitted into the hospital for associated endoscopic services.

He pointed out that before the use of modern stone disinte-

grator, the hospital performed from 150 to 200 stone-removing operations each year, while only 200 cases involved the use of endoscopes.

With the use of the disintegrator, as many as 400 stones could be removed each year with high chances of success, while surgical options were reduced to 30 or 40 each year; thus minimising costs and cutting back on public spending, Sabah said.

Students to donate blood in October

THE director of the Blood Bank Abdul Aziz Al Basheer has said that the bank will embark on a campaign next month to collect blood donated by secondary school and university students.

He told a local daily that there was no shortage in the bank blood reserves, although there was a drop in the normal average number of donors available, pointing out that blood consumption this summer was normal, and that therefore blood stocks at the bank remained intact.

Basheer said that the bank employed very advanced technologies and that all donated blood was subjected to careful intensive tests to ensure that it was free from infection, particularly AIDS.

He added that the existing blood testing equipment could detect the presence of AIDS within three hours, and that all people, citizens and residents, could rest assured that the bank could offer 100 per cent positive tests to ascertain the validity of blood supplies.

Veterinary pharmacies allocation approved by agriculture authority

Animal welfare

area where a park, mosque, supermarket and other related facilities are intended to be built.

The current supplies of veterinary medication at the society's stores are suitable for sheep, camels, goats and cows, which are enough to service all society members. On occasions, members call in for some medications and sometimes request vets to accompany them to have a look at their animals if that is necessary.

All medical supplies available at the society's stores are purchased from local producers, and attempts by private companies to seek co-operation for setting up veterinary pharmacies were neglected as their primary intention was profit-making, Khrainij said.

Availability

The society had positive co-operative ties with the Animal Department at the authority and through this co-operation the society could obtain its required medical supplies, which formed 10 per cent of its actual needs. These are usually selected with the intention of diversifying the

types of available medications and avoiding duplication, he added.

The society currently had 20 types of vet medications, all produced by local companies, and would sometimes obtain some medications, which are not available in Kuwait, from Saudi Arabia.

He said that the proposed pharmacy would be able to meet the requirements for medications for sheep, cows, camels and poultry, while four vets would be distributed — one in Kabad, one in Wafra, another at the society's headquarters while the fourth will be assigned to the society's mobile vet service.

The society prefers to hire Arab doctors for their ability to communicate with cattle raisers, and understanding of the local climatic conditions, and presented, all such vets are Arabs.

The main problem facing the society is the lack of available vet medical supplies. Tighter veterinary control is required at all exits in the country to prevent the influx of diseased animals into the country, Khrainij said.

Dangers of delinquency campaign this month

AS juvenile delinquency has been on the increase recently, the Ministry of Interior is launching an awareness campaign to highlight this "grave and serious problem." Director of Public Relations, at the ministry Col. Fahd Al Mekhled has announced.

The awareness division has worked out plans and programmes and these will be launched on a monthly basis. He added that the awareness programmes will concentrate on social and security issues that concern citizens and residents as well.

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Ministers to rule on 50 senior officials

Administration development plan

THE council of ministers will reportedly consider recommendations by ministers on 50 senior government officials, as to whether to retain them in their position or to ease them off.

Meanwhile, government ministries and departments had finalised a short-term

plan on existing administrative development projects for the period from November 1, 1989 to June 30, 1990. A cabinet decision has requested the provision of data collected on areas covering the efforts exerted to develop service performance, facilitate procedure, training and qualifying related staff, reconsideration of exist-

ing organisational structure, job description and other fields.

These measures were agreed upon during the meeting organised by the Civil Service Council and Commission in the presence of senior government officials, including the Ministers of Justice and

Education.

The meeting was chaired by the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed and resulted in the agreement on the need for all government agencies to submit a short-term work plan as regards their respective scheme within the framework of administrative development.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Premier receives

KUWAIT, Sept 12, (Kuna): HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah received at his dawn at Bayan Palace this morning head of National Guards Sheikh Salem Al Ali and Education Minister Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri.

HH also received State Minister for Municipal Affairs Mohammed Abdulla Mohsen Al Refai, State Minister for Services Affairs Issa Mohammed Al Mazidi and State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saoud Mohammed Al Ossaimi.

HH then received Kuwaiti Ambassador to the UAE Mohammed Al Amri and Kuwaiti Ambassador to Romania Georghe Serbanescu. Talks between the minister and the envoy dealt with issues of mutual interest.



Romanian envoy

Kuwait's Minister of Electricity and Water Humoud Abdullah Al Rqobah received at his office yesterday the Romanian Ambassador to Kuwait, Georghe Serbanescu. Talks between the minister and the envoy dealt with issues of mutual interest.

Muslims vulnerable in W. Germany, says Falah

Concerted effort requested

THE director of the Information Department at the Islamic International Charity Foundation in Kuwait Dr Adel Abdullah Al Falah has said that Muslims in West Germany face three major problems: non-recognition of Islam as a religion, vulnerability of Muslims and Muslim identity, and failure by Muslim to locate the right Islamic amanah for their families.

In a statement to a Kuwaiti news daily, Razuki said HH the Amir and French President Francois Mitterrand's talks will focus on bilateral relations in addition to Arab and international developments, especially the Lebanon crisis.

On France and Kuwait's stan-

ces toward Lebanon's ordeal the Kuwaiti diplomat said that the two countries' main concern is focused on stability in Lebanon away from foreign intervention.

Envoy's credentials

KUWAIT, Sept 12, (Kuna): A number of ambassadors will present their credentials to HH the Amir at Bayan Palace at 10:30 am tomorrow.

The ambassadors are from

Lanka, England, West Germany,

Malaysia and Sudan.

Senegal message

KUWAIT, Sept 12, (Kuna): Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Khaled Al Ahmad Al Sabah today morning received at his office Senegal's ambassador to Kuwait who delivered a message to HH the Amir of Kuwait from Senegalese President Abdou Diouf.

Amiri audience

KUWAIT, Sept 12, (Kuna): HH the Amir today received in audience HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah and Deputy Premier, Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Jaber.

Cable to Mariam

KUWAIT, Sept 12, (Kuna): HH the Amir sent a cable of congratulations to the Ethiopian President Mengistu Haile Mariam on the occasion of his country's National Day.

Landscaping plan

ELECTRICITY and Water Minister Dr Humoud Al Rqobah met yesterday with Chairman of the General Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duanj. The two officials discussed issues relating to the quantities of waters necessary for the success of Kuwait's landscaping plan.

The meeting reviewed the plan and steps taken to implement it. They discussed the construction of a water tank for the proposed Zayed Park in Doha area. The two officials also discussed the possibility of using purified sewage water for agricultural purposes.

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out to ensure that the companies stick to their activities.

Al Meiren hoped that the new commercial companies law will be issued shortly. He said that the law was prepared by the ministry and other sides one year ago. The ministry later submitted the law five months ago to the Fatwa and Legislation Department.

He said: "The law is huge and consists of 400 articles and that's why it took so long with the department."

He said that the law goes in line with the huge economic development witnessed by Kuwait during the past 20 years, when the present law was issued.

'Engineers Day' to be celebrated Friday

THE building and construction industry has been playing a vital role particularly since the mid-seventies in building Bahrain's infrastructure and making a positive impact on the overall economic development of the island as a whole. Over the years engineers of all categories, both nationals and expatriates alike have made an invaluable contribution in this field with their skills and hardwork.

Bahrain is fortunate that it has always enjoyed the services of some of the best and highly trained engineers from abroad among a host of countries in the course of construction of scores of important government as well as private sector projects. Some of these architectural marvels have become landmark in this small island nation. Bahrain has always welcomed the introduction and application of both traditional, classical and modern designs and ideas in the creation of its houses and buildings. Even the commercial projects have distinguished features to set them apart from some mundane structure in other countries.

Beautiful

As a growing modern nation Bahrain is particularly geared towards adopting and incorporating a variety of designs and concepts of today in its flourishing construction sector. It is not surprising therefore that Bahrain today boasts of some of the most beautiful structure in the region.

In just a year the Institution of Engineers (India) Bahrain Chapter has already made its mark in its efforts to promote and encourage the work of a large number of Indian engineers contributing towards Bahrain's development in the building and construction sphere. This prestigious institution representing Indian engineers overseas, the Bahrain Chapter being the fifth, is celebrating its first anniversary on 15th September. The membership has grown from 200 to over 300 today since the organisation was formed last year.

Engineers Day

The Bahrain Chapter of the Institution of Engineers (India) has accomplished itself by hosting a number of both social as well as professional activities over the past year for its members and guests. In collaboration with a number of leading local companies and the Bahrain Society of Engineers, the Institute organised a number of technical seminars and technical visits highlighting vital topics related to the construction industry both in Bahrain and the Gulf in general. Eminent speakers were invited from abroad to participate in these invaluable and successful events.

Coinciding with the first anniversary of the institute, "Engineers Day" will also be celebrated. The programme, to be held at the Gulf Hotel on Friday, will feature the Engineers Day meeting, followed by variety entertainment and dinner.

Hisham Al Shehabi, president of the Bahrain Society of Engineers, will be the chief guest. Charge d'affaires of the Indian embassy, A. Karuppiah will also be present on the occasion along with other prominent guests.

Continuous education registration

KUWAITI students interested in joining continuous education programmes organised by the Community Service and Continuous Education Department at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training gathered at the authority to complete their registration formalities.

Registration offices at the authority began receiving male student applications last Saturday at the Boys Commercial Studies College. On the other hand female student applications were received at the Girls Commercial Studies College in Hawalli.

An official source stated that the authority will continue receiving applications until Sept 20, 1989 and added that registration offices began receiving non-Kuwaiti students applications at the same locations and during the same period indicated for Kuwaitis. He said that courses will resume on Oct 7, 1989.

The Community Service and Continuous Education Department at the authority announced the opening of programmes presented to students for the first time. These newly offered programmes will include Arabic language for non-Arabic speakers, jewellery, handicraft has also decided to open four new programmes for women.

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Paci data strictly confidential: Mikhaiter

Penalty for expired card holders

THE Public Authority for Civil Information (Paci) does not provide any information on citizens to any unauthorised persons, Musaad Al Mikhaiter, deputy director general of the authority said.

Elucidating, he said that any information sought is only provided to those who have accredited official letters from courts ordering addresses of persons who are involved in court cases. Addresses are not provided to any other authority, unless the citizen is authorised to obtain such disclosure, the official added.

He pointed out that citizens of the GCC states living in Kuwait have civil cards with a validity period of three years. Prior to the decision issued cards with a validity period of ten years—the same period as Kuwaitis. The modification is intended to facilitate change of information and photographs in civil cards carried by the GCC citizens living in Kuwait.

Commenting on the status of civil cards of Kuwaitis, the official said that they are obliged to change them present civil cards for new ones prior to the end of

this year. Non-Kuwaitis will be provided with a new form of civil cards at the time they seek changing their cards for renewal of residence permits or due to a change in their home address. Non-Kuwaitis should change their cards within one month from shifting to the new address.

Presently, the authority collects fines only from those who have not registered at the authority within the limited period, the official said. However, the authority will start collecting fines from persons who do not renew their cards when they change their place of residence. Such fines will be instituted from the beginning of the new year, the official said.

Mikhaiter pointed out that civil cards are only issued to Kuwaiti citizens and expatriates who have legal residence and passports. These cards are not issued to stateless persons, he said, but added that the authority provides every assistance to these stateless persons when they furnish their original passport.

Paci can now issue the civil card in one day if the owner of the card has urgent reasons that are certified by the authority.

Presently, there are no crowds at the Paci's office. On the few occasions that crowds have been noticed is attributed to people rushing to these offices to inquire about new procedures adopted by the authority. Also, crowds are noticed when people want to complete their formalities before the summer holidays or after returning from their holidays.

Branches

Mikhaiter pointed out that the authority will open branches in Hawalli, Capital, Farwaniya, Jahra and Ahmadi governorates to reduce pressure on the present offices. The official said that they are also applying postal services for the same purpose and have succeeded in renewing civil cards, registering of mairas and new born babies through this service. Paci, he said, receives about 2,000 envelopes of different formalities by mail. The postal services have proved to be highly beneficial and the authority is trying to extend its use to other services, the official said.

Mikhaiter said that the work load at the offices of the authority are affected by the change in labour or residence laws.

From the courts

7 years for sex assault

THE Criminal Court sentenced yesterday a man to seven years imprisonment with labour and ordered his deportation later for sexually assaulting a six-year-old boy. The court was told that the man, who owns a shop in Nugra area, took the young boy to the lift of the building and assaulted him. The medical tests carried out on the boy proved beyond doubt that the assault was committed by the accused.

The same court began yesterday its hearings on a murder and rape case in which two men are accused of raping and then murdering a 7-year-old mentally retarded girl. The naked body of the girl was found in a remote area near Fintas. The prosecution accused the first man, Hamad M, aged 42, a sanitary worker, for raping the girl and then suffocating her till death in order to prevent her from calling for help. The prosecution accused the second man, Mohammad M, 46 years old of taking part in the murder by helping the first accused to hide the body.

Three sentenced for narcotics

THE Criminal Court sentenced three men to various jail terms for trading in narcotics. The court sentenced the first to seven years imprisonment with KD2,150 fine, the second to five years imprisonment with KD2,150 fine and the third to two years imprisonment with KD2,150 fine. The court was told

MEW planning committee meeting held

KUWAIT's Minister of Electricity and Water (MEW) Dr Humoud Abdullah Al Rqobah yesterday presided over the Ministry's Planning Committee, according to a release from the Ministry's Public Relations Department.

It added that the meeting discussed several topics including the water supply project from Iraq to Kuwait, the provision of the drinking water and brackish water to Falakha Island, the completion of the necessary measures aimed at airconditioning of the schools in the country and debating of the report concerning the airconditioning of the kindergarten and primary schools.

Approvals had also been given to teachers wishing to join private schools, and that interviews and related pre-employment testing were as such already sanctioned.

The department has already issued four new licences for the construction of new private schools, of which three were Arabic and one foreign.

The number of students in private schools has maintained a steady growth and the present number is about 144,486 in various Arabic and foreign schools in the different educational stages, Muhanna said.

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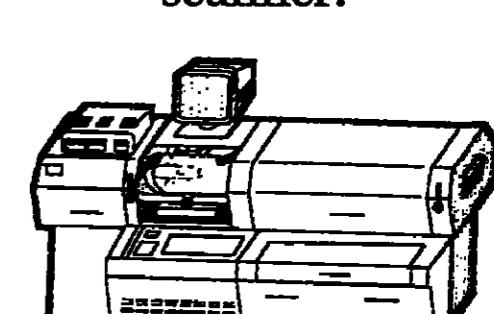
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India smeared

Brutal police

LAST November, the Delhi police hauled Ram Swaroop and seven other poor labourers from their huts and ordered them to work without pay.

The drunken policemen beat the workers, then took Swaroop away. His body was found in a nearby canal. Human-rights lawyers sued the police and won a Supreme Court order of \$3,000 compensation for Swaroop's family.

They also elicited a rare admission of guilt from police officials investigating the killing. The five policemen involved are being prosecuted for murder.

The tragedy of Ram Swaroop highlights the problem of police brutality in India, for which Indian police have gained a widespread reputation during more than 40 years of independence, human rights activists say.

The incident also points to a new awareness among government and police officials of the need for reform.

"The common perception is that police are bullies who beat people at the slightest provocation and are corrupt," says Rajavijay Karan, Delhi's police commissioner and architect of a new reform campaign aimed at improving the police's image. "We need to change the culture, ethos, and personality of the police."

Today, more than ever, security forces play a pervasive, often troubling role in this diverse, contentious democracy of 800 million people.

In the northern, violence-torn province of Punjab, the police are armed with special powers to combat terrorism and backed by the Army and central paramilitary police. These forces have led an extensive crackdown on Sikh separatists and on innocent people in their path.

Throughout India, from remote corners in the south to crowded urban pockets in the north, the police and increasingly the paramilitary have been called on to douse a level of social conflict and communal violence not seen since the 1950s.

And in major cities like Delhi, exploding population growth, overcrowding, and unemployment have triggered an upsurge in crime and urban discontent.

Government officials say they have been forced to resist the forces tearing at India's delicate social fabric with more might. During the last six years, the central paramilitary police force has grown by 30 per cent and now costs the government about \$600 million annually. A current expansion programme will raise their numbers to more than 400,000 by 1991.

In the states and territories, which control local law enforcement, police forces have burgeoned. For example, since 1984 when Delhi was first hit by a wave of terrorism and communal violence, the police have grown from 32,000 to more than 50,000, the world's largest metropolitan police force.

But police forces here are still hard-pressed. Those demands have buttressed long-standing pressures that have eroded police discipline and deeply politicised law enforcement: ethnic and religious divisions, corruption, and political interference.

Poor training, low pay, long hours, and frustrations in winning court convictions also prompt police to turn to more drastic methods, observers say.

Even the central paramilitary, made up of recruits from throughout the country and sent in as a more neutral check on local police, is now buffeted by similar pressures, due to overuse, fatigue, and lack of time for training.

"The police bring to the force the attitudes, values, and prejudices that are there (in society). Overnight you can't inculcate different attitudes," says P. Chidambaram, the government official in charge of internal security. "Over the years, the image has suffered because training has been a casualty."

Many social observers, however, claim India is becoming a police state because the central government is grabbing more power and responding to trouble with force rather than deeply needed social and economic reform.

In many places, the police form a nexus with corrupt politicians and wealthy landlords and businessmen and are a tool of brutal oppression.

In what is widely seen as political expediency, the central government has yet to complete an investigation of police complicity in the disappearance of dozens of Muslims in 1987 communal riots in the northwestern town of Meerut.

In Bihar — a state seared by hopeless poverty, class conflict, and police atrocities — police raped, looted, and plundered villagers in Parasia last year. In March, a court acquitted 14 policemen and security guards and chided the village women for poor character.

Recently, New Delhi commentator Khushwant Singh wrote that he had met many Punjabi villagers whose one refrain was "we can deal with the terrorists, you save us from the police."

(New Delhi — CSM)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1536 — Holy Roman Emperor Charles V abandons siege of Marseilles after disastrous campaign and sails from Genoa to Barcelona.

1586 — Anthony Babington and fellow conspirators go on trial for attempting to seize throne of England for Mary Queen of Scots by plot to murder Elizabeth I.

1743 — Treaty of Worms between Maria Theresa of Austria-Hungary, Britain and Sardinia to expel Bourbons of France, obtain part of Milan for Sardinia, and guarantee English subsidies to her allies.

1759 — British forces scale heights of Abraham in Quebec, Canada, to attack French during French and Indian war.

1788 — Denmark invades Sweden.

1882 — British defeat Egyptians at Tel El-Kebir, lower Egypt, and proceed to occupy Egypt and the Sudan.

1943 — Chiang Kai-Shek becomes president of China.

1955 — West Germany and Soviet Union establish diplomatic relations — their first since World War II.

1964 — Egypt and Saudi Arabia announce agreement of peaceful settlement of two-year-old Yemeni civil war.

1966 — B.J. Vorster is elected prime minister of South Africa.

1970 — Israel arrests 450 Arabs in occupied Jordan and says it will exchange them for hostages held by commandos.

1975 — US Defence Department defers planned 8,000-man reduction in support of troops in West Germany on grounds it would weaken US in Europe.

1986 — Iraqi warplanes bomb five airfields in Iran as demonstrators seek revenge for Iran's missile attack on Baghdad.

1987 — Report by population group says United Kingdom leads developed world in making birth control available to its citizens.

1988 — Heavy combat in rebel strongholds in northern El Salvador kills or wounds more than 30 leftist guerrillas and government troops.

Clamour to close US bases

Most Filipino senators want phase-out

SENATOR Rene Saguisag says the Philippines will never grow out of its political adolescence if it remains dependent on the United States.

When US rights to bases in the Philippines expire in 1991, he says, the largest American military facilities overseas should go.

"Sometimes, it takes the death of a father for one to mature overnight," said Saguisag.

The United States now maintains Clark Air Base, the Subic Bay naval complex and four smaller facilities. Subic is the repairs and logistics centre for the 7th Fleet, while Clark is the home of the 13th Air Force, the tactical air arm of the US air forces in the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean.

Saguisag's view is that the treaty governing the bases should not be renewed is shared by almost all in the Philippines' 23-member senate.

But except for five who truly want the bases pact to expire in 1991, the other senators are agreeable to a phase-out over a period ranging between three and eight years, according to a survey conducted by United Press International.

Under the constitution, any new pact on the bases must be approved by the

senate by a two-thirds vote, or 16 senators.

US officials have said they want the bases to remain in the Philippines, but are looking at alternative sites including Singapore, which has offered to sponsor some of the facilities.

In the week, the UPI poll was conducted, two resolutions dealing with the bases were passed around for signature in the senate.

The first resolution, which 12 senators endorsed, called for the dismantling of the bases in 1991, describing them as a vestige of half a century of American colonial rule. It effectively shuts the door to a new treaty.

The second resolution signed by 10 senators belonging to the Liberal Party, a member of the ruling coalition, says the same thing, but leaves open the possibility of an extension.

President Corazon Aquino says she is leaving the options open, a position she has maintained since she started campaigning for the presidency in 1981.

Informal talks on a renewal of the treaty with the United States are scheduled in December but Aquino is expected to discuss the issue when she visits Washington on Nov. 9.

The lone opposition senator, Juan Enrile, was defence minister under former president Ferdinand Marcos, and as such was an advocate of the US bases. Now, he says, he is in favour of dismantling the bases with "no ifs and buts."

Enrile, Saguisag, and sens. Alberto Romulo, Wigberto Tamada and Joseph Estrada say there is no other position to take because of the 1987 constitution. That document says that after 1991 foreign bases should not be allowed unless treaty is extended and ratified by the senate and, if congress desires, submitted to a plebiscite. The five senators are against any extension or gradual phase-out.

Seventeen other senators say they also support an end to the US bases, but are willing to consider a phase-out. They concede that realistically, the Philippines is unprepared for an American pullout.

Senator John Osmena is the sole proponent of a late extension, if the Philippines continues to benefit from it.

Last October, the United States pledged to provide the Philippines \$962 million in aid in the last two years of the bases pact, an increase from \$180 million annually.

Besides Clark and Subic, the United States also uses the Camp John Hay Rest and Recreation Centre in the mountain resort of Baguio, a joint air defence radar complex at Wallace air station in La Union province, the San Miguel naval communications station near Subic, and a transmitter site at Camp O'Donnell in Capas, Tarlac.

The bases house more than 17,000 American servicemen plus dependents and employ more than 68,500 Filipinos with an annual payroll of \$96 million.

The United States has used Clark and Subic since shortly after the Spanish-American war, when the Philippines were ceded for \$20 million. Americans took over Subic, a Spanish fort, during the Philippine revolution of 1898. Clark first was set up as a cavalry post in 1903.

A year after the Philippines gained independence in 1946, a 99-year basing lease was signed. In 1966, the term was cut to 25 years, ending on Sept. 16, 1991.

Filipino nationalists say the bases are a magnet for nuclear attack from the Soviet Union, which has a garrison in Cam Ranh Bay in Vietnam across the South China Sea.

They say the bases are an affront to Philippine sovereignty and a cause for US interference in its political affairs. They charge a succession of American presidents waded Marcos and chose to close their eyes to 20 years of misrule that includes nation.

With an external debt of \$28 billion and an armed forces that is tied down fighting a 20-year communist insurgency, the question that nags most of the senators is whether the Philippines is prepared for an American withdrawal in two years. A US presence provides a measure of assurance against any possible external threat.



A Manila worker during a demonstration recently shows his disapproval towards planned December talks between the Philippines and the US on a possible renewal of a US lease on military bases. (Reuter wirephoto)

Ethiopians in exile long for home

A GROUP of Ethiopians sat over cups of strong coffee and talked passionately of the day their country's military government would fall and they would go home.

"The operating word is that we got stranded and when you're stranded you survive," said Seyoum, who studied economics but now works as a car park attendant.

Like many of the Ethiopians who live in the southern US city of Atlanta, Seyoum came to attend university during the reign of Emperor Haile Selassie and stayed after Mengistu Haile Mariam and several other radical Army officers seized power in 1974.

Their hopes of returning have been strengthened by peace talks being held in Atlanta between the Ethiopian government and guerrillas fighting for a separate state in the northern province of Eritrea.

Community members say there are 300,000 Ethiopians in the United States, with Atlanta having the third-largest community after Los Angeles and Washington.

There are an estimated 3,000 Ethiopians in Atlanta, of which 10 percent are from Eritrea. Many of those who came before the military takeover found careers as doctors, engineers and scientists, but those who arrived after the revolution in their country have not done as well.

They talk of leaving Ethiopia because of alleged

political repression and torture, spending time in refugee camps in Sudan and then finding jobs as car park attendants, security guards and taxi drivers in the United States.

They all share a dream of returning home.

At the Addis Restaurant a few blocks from the Carter Centre, where former US President Jimmy Carter is hosting the peace talks, owner Theodosius Hailegiorgis spoke with intensity about possibilities if there were a change of government in Ethiopia.

"We have professors, engineers at IBM, doctors here. If they went home, we could turn that country around in five years," he said.

As he spoke, a waitress served a dish of spicy lamb stew on spongy injera bread. Masinkos, Ethiopian one-stringed violins, hung from the walls of the restaurant named after the capital, Addis Ababa.

Sitting around tables nearby and sipping small cups of strong Ethiopian coffee were Seyoum and six of his friends, all members of a group called the Ethiopian Democratic Forum.

The seven, who asked to be identified by their first names only, said they had spent the last three hours discussing the situation at home.

"This is the time for Ethiopian opposition forces to band together and provide an alternative to the government," Seyoum said.

He said the government was facing pressure from several points — the Soviet Union wanted it to reach

a compromise with the Eritrean rebels. The United States wanted it to improve its human rights record and the Army was tired of the 28-year-old civil war.

The peace talks in Atlanta, he said, are from weakness, not from strength.

"The government should be part of the solution. It should dissolve itself," said Mentabah, a woman who works in the Atlanta mayor's office.

Demere, a taxi driver, winced as he explained why he left Ethiopia in 1982.

He said he was imprisoned four times on suspicion of belonging to the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party, an opposition political group. In jail, he said he was beaten with electrical wires and oil was poured on his feet and set alight.

Demere, 40, said he left Ethiopia for Sudan — as have 600,000 of his compatriots — and spent two years as a teacher in Sudanese refugee camps.

He went to Los Angeles in 1984 but was unable to find a suitable job, so moved to Atlanta where he has also worked as a cashier and as a security guard.

Demere misses Ethiopia deeply. "For the first three years after I left, I was weeping or crying in my sleep," he said.

What makes things harder is that Demere's wife and 11-year-old daughter are still in Ethiopia.

"They are happy for me because coming to the United States saved my life, but we are separated and it is a bitter situation, a bitter situation."

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Toad war down under: plan to make them croak

SYDNEY, Sept. 12. (AP): Poisonous toads that grow to the size of dinner plates are invading Brisbane, Australia's third largest city, but there are plans to make them croak.

Councillor Greg Stegman pledged today that the city of about 1 million people on the Gold Coast Strip of the northeastern seaboard will be toad-free within five years.

The amphibians, known as cane toads, measure up to 30 centimetres (12 inches) across and weigh 2.75 kilograms (6

pounds).

Stegman told the Associated Press that with the onset of the southern hemisphere summer, millions of the ugly toads are awaking from winter hibernation.

"Within two weeks, they'll be everywhere," he said.

Eradication tactics include ringing the city suburbs with tape-recordings of the male toad's rattling mating call to attract females. Then trappers will pounce, shove the toads

into plastic bags and freeze them to death, Stegman said.

Householders also are being advised to sprinkle detergents on toads found in backyards because it "does the job quickly."

Brisbane resident Anne Nakano complained that the space underneath her home, which is built on stilts, is crawling with toads.

"We stamp on them when we open the front door in the morning to pick up the milk," she said.

Stegman said cane toads, or "Bufino Marinus," are becoming Australia's public enemy No. 1. He said the city council had decided against offering a bounty for every toad killed because "knowing the Australian entrepreneurial spirit, they'll start breeding them."

"They're in plague proportions," he said. "I'm not advocating that people stamp them to death or spear them with pitchforks, but something has to be done."

A childrens' pastime in Brisbane is to use cane toads as footballs.

Cane toads have marched across northern Australia and south to the state of New South Wales since they were introduced from South America in 1935 to eradicate a beetle plague that was destroying Australia's sugar cane crops.

The toads were first shipped to the city of Cairns, 870 miles (1,400 kilometres) north of Brisbane. Since then they have also spread

across the northern "top end" of Australia into the spectacular and unspoiled Kakadu National Park in the northern territory.

"They're now marching on Sydney, it's only a hop, skip and a jump from the state border," Stegman said.

"Having the tape-recordings is a very easy way to get rid of them but the state does not have enough money to reach every household," Stegman said.

Soprano supremo

Dame Kiri: rags to riches story

By Nick Ross

WHEN queen Elizabeth made Kiri Te Kanawa a Dame of the British Empire back in 1982, the throne was publicly acknowledging what the world of music had known for years — that Dame Kiri was one of the greatest Sopranos ever to go on stage.

Born in Gisborne, New Zealand, of mixed European and Maori parentage during World War II, Te Kanawa's rise to fame is a rags-to-riches story. When still very young she was given up for adoption, and her new mother — to whom I owe much of my early success, " she says, proved a strong character who played a major role in encouraging her singing career. "The real gift, though, was a sense of being very, very special," remembers Te Kanawa, who has never tried to find her real parents. "I will always be grateful for the wonderful feeling this has always given me."

As a young and struggling singer in the New Zealand capital of Auckland, Te Kanawa sold sheet music, worked as a switchboard operator and sang in nightclubs to pay her way through St. Mary's College, where she studied voice training. The long years of hard work and sacrifice paid off. Since those lean times, Dame Kiri has performed in the world's major opera houses, including New York's Metropolitan, London's Covent Garden, Milan's La Scala and Vienna's Staatsoper. She has had her own Christmas television spectacular, starred in a movie version of "South Pacific" with Jose Carreras, recorded a selection of Cole Porter and Irving Berlin tunes with Nelson Riddle, and was asked to perform as the soloist at the 1981 wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana.

Te Kanawa first came to the critics' attention after she moved to London and appeared as a flower-maiden in Wagner's religious opera, "Parsifal" at Covent Garden. Her appearance on the same stage in 1971 as the Countess in Mozart's comic opera "The Marriage of Figaro" received international acclaim. Three years later she made her debut with the New York Metropolitan Opera as Desdemona in Verdi's "Otello." But in spite of these successes, it wasn't until she sang the title role in "Arabella" by Richard Strauss that she felt she was in her own words, "really getting somewhere."

"It was my first Strauss role and I was scared stiff of it, because it's a huge, important role and totally different from anything I had sung to date," remembers Te Kanawa, interviewed recently in Milan where she was doing recording sessions with Sir George Solti for Verdi's "Simon Boccanegra."

"After agreeing to do it, two years before the actual performance, I flew off to Cologne to see it on stage without knowing anything about it — neither text nor music — to see how it would affect me. I think sometimes it's important to approach a piece 'raw' so as to discover what one's spontaneous feelings and reactions are. Mine were to identify with Arabella immediately, because there is a lot of me in her — I too can detach myself from situations of emotional crisis and look at things fairly coolly."

Te Kanawa's versatility has always helped her in her long and varied career. In a complete break from opera, she recorded a selection of Cole Porter and Irving Berlin Broadway tunes with Nelson Riddle for an album called "Blue Skies." "Way back in my youth I had sung these songs in the night clubs of New Zealand, and I truly loved them," she said.

"Then, when I first met Nelson, we talked about the possibility of cutting an album."

"Nelson and I first met in Sydney, and subsequently on several occasions all over the world. I vividly recall one time in the Opera House at the Casino in Monte Carlo. It was there in a rather unglamorous rehearsal room that we had our first working session for this album, and began to choose the songs we wanted to do. As we got to know each other, a concept of our favourite songs — 'It Might as Well be Spring,' 'I Didn't Know What Time it Was' and 'Yesterday's' among almost a dozen others — and he began to work on the arrangements."



Dame Kiri carved a name.

Story's room had to be cleared every half-hour because Leonard Bernstein is almost a chain smoker, especially when he is conducting a rehearsal or a recording session," she noted. And at a party given for her recently in Japan, following a recital, Dame Kiri insisted on having every cigarette extinguished for the sake of her voice, only to discover that one man was still smoking — her piano accompanist.

Even a common cold can bring a total halt to all professional engagements. "What a problem it was when the children were younger, for I not only went through all the routine anxieties that children's illnesses bring to every mother, but there was always the trauma of catching the infection myself, which I did constantly," she said.

A recent release is a video made of Dame Kiri's best-known role, that of the Marschallin, Princess of Werdenberg, in Richard Strauss' romantic opera "Der Rosenkavalier," generally acknowledged to be one of the greatest character studies in the world of opera. Set in Vienna, the opera shows how the Marschallin's happiness becomes marred by her awareness that her beauty will soon fade. A brief flirtation with Count Octavian comes to an end when he falls in love with another woman, to whom she is as Cavalier of the Rose — hence the title — he is called upon to present a silver rose in honour of her betrothal to another man.

To Kanawa remembers the role with great affection. "I knew the part very well which is usually a great help because sometimes when you've learned a part and are singing it for the first time you're really not ready for the television cameras and all those close-ups," she said.

"Then too, there was one of the greatest conductors in the world in the pit, Sir George Solti. I also had wonderful colleagues and great stage direction from John Schlesinger.

Goats: black plague of desert

Alan Simmons of the University of Nevada's Desert Research Institute in Reno.

Their work, completed this summer, uncovered one of the Middle East's more important archaeological sites — a village roughly three to four times the size of ancient Jericho that traded with other peoples hundreds of miles (kilometres) away.

"It was one of the largest population centres of its time," Rollefson said.

He estimated that at its peak, as many as 3,000 people might have been crowded into its 35 acres (14 hectares).

Jericho, about 30 miles (50 kilometres) to the West, and other early settlements in the region were abandoned about 6,500 BC, Rollefson said.

But Ein Ghazal hung on for another 1,500 years near the edge of the great Arabian deserts.

He said Ein Ghazal's survival, despite a drier location, argues against the more common theory that villagers abandoned the early settlements when the earth warmed and farming and food gathering grew too difficult.

But he noted that goats were first domesticated about 7,000 BC and rapidly became a major source of food in the region.

"Goats are referred to as the black plague of the desert," said Gary Rollefson of San Diego State University in California.

He and his colleagues suggest that voracious, newly domesticated animals destroyed the soil and ate the fuel around some of mankind's earliest settlements, gradually helping to rush the earliest into a nomadic lifestyle.

The villages here rose about the same time as those in ancient Mesopotamia, that is now Iraq, which later evolved into civilisation.

"Mesopotamia never had this abandoned period," Rollefson said. "One of the reasons was they didn't have goats."

He hasn't seen digging seasons at Ein Ghazal, on the edge of Amman, together with co-directors Zaidan Kafaf from the University of Jordan and



Sylvester Stallone faces Mr. T. in Rocky III.

Putting punch in boxing flicks

Ex-boxer Jimmy: the man behind film fights

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 12. (UPI): Ever lost credibility during a boxing movie when the fighters bombard each other with enough knock-out blows in a single round to send Mike Tyson to cuckoo land forever?

You know, the "Rocky" pictures and others of the like in which the hero takes enough punishment in the first few rounds to put his brain in a jar at a university's medical school. Then he comes back in the 10th to score a KO.

It happens in almost every fight picture, or, for that matter, in any fist action scene where haymakers are landed with little immediate or long-lasting effect.

Even filmmakers know the human body can't absorb that much brutalising.

Real fights are devoted to endless rounds of waltzing, jabbing, sparring, feinting and clinching. Dull stuff, until one of the gladiators gets his bell rung.

Among them all, only Deniro might have made it as a professional fighter, according to Nickerson, who has appeared as an anonymous fighter in several films.

"Deniro got so deeply into his role as Jake LaMotta he became a fighter in his own mind," Nickerson said. "And when he gets mad, he goes. Jake trained him for 18 months."

"When I came in to choreograph the fights, I put Jake in the ring with Deniro and he jarred up poor old Jake several times."

"Quaid had a lot of ability and wanted to be an amateur fighter at one time. But to most actors, it's just another job and they want to get it over with."

"Bronson is a good natural athlete. He

knew the basics of boxing and he always stayed within himself."

Nickerson is peculiarly silent on Stallone's boxing prowess. And, although he didn't coach Jon Voight for "The Champ," he thought Voight lacked credibility.

"Stallone fights square," he said. "He doesn't get hit one foot in front of the other. So he gets hit a lot when he jumps into his opponent straight ahead."

On the other hand, Nickerson was impressed with Carl Weathers, who played Apollo Creed in the "Rocky" pictures. He thought Weathers made a very believable boxer.

"Stallone tagged me a couple of times by accident, but his punches never hurt," Nickerson said. "Deniro came to hurt me, not play pity-pat. He got my attention pretty good."

"Jorge was terrific. He never wanted to stop. He insisted on training every day and he became a good bare-knuckle fighter. Very dedicated from a guy pushing 50 years old."

"'Fistfighter' is the story of a man (Rivero) out to avenge the death of a friend

in South America, where he teams up with a burned out boxer played by Edward Albert.

Nickerson, who had 16 professional fights as a light-heavyweight, said the exaggerated power punches in films are necessary dramatic licence. Otherwise, movie patrons would run for the exits.

"If people want reality in prizefighting they go to the nearest arena and see some matches," he said. "In movies they are looking for drama, impact and violence."

"It's the domino effect. Whatever is successful and making money, the producers will hang in there. Violence in the ring makes for good box office."

"As far as I'm concerned, there is nothing in sports as dramatic or exciting as a championship fight. And I guess I'm the guilty party when it comes to making them more exciting for movies."

"Every time I do fight choreography, the producer or director unfailingly tells me, 'Jimmy, remember, if the fights are no good, the picture's no good.'"

"It's all predictable, but how you get there is what makes the difference between the successful picture and the loser."

Omega-3 maintains electrolyte balance

Fishy way of reducing blood pressure

MIAMI BEACH, Florida, Sept. 12. (UPI): A fatty acid found in fish can help reduce high blood pressure by purging the body of excess salt, researchers told the American Chemical Society's annual meeting yesterday.

The study was released on the second day of the annual week-long gathering, which is drawing an estimated 8,000 scientists from around the world.

Dr. Constance Kies, a chemist at the University of Nebraska, reported that a fatty acid found in fish can help to reduce high blood pressure by purging the body of excess sodium.

The substance, known as Omega-3, has been examined before for its ability to reduce blood clots, but its role in reducing blood pressure has come under study only recently, Kies said.

Omega-3 occurs naturally in cold-water, fresh water and saltwater fish, including tuna, salmon, halibut, lake trout, herring and whitefish.

Kies said her findings show that Omega-3 can help to maintain a proper electrolyte balance in the human body at causing excess sodium to be passed from the body in urine.

"Electrolyte balance has long been associated with dysfunction such as high blood pressure and stroke," Kies said.

An Omega-3 supplement has much the same effect as low sodium diet, but the substance is better than diuretics commonly prescribed for hypertension because, unlike many diuretics, Omega-3 does not reduce potassium levels.

FAMILY DOCTOR By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

Fifth disease worries

QUESTION: I'm panic stricken. I'm pregnant, and my other child has broken out with a rash that has been diagnosed as "Fifth Disease." My doctor fears that I may catch the same infection, with serious effects on my unborn baby. Can I pass anything on if I don't become infected? What are the risks to my baby? Do you have any information to help me?

ANSWER: Your concerns are shared by an ever-increasing number of expectant mothers whose youngsters come down with Fifth Disease (or as some call it, "erythema infectiosum," a common childhood disease characterized by a rash and temperature). The cause of this viral disease is a human parvovirus B19, discovered in 1975 and subsequently identified as the primary infectious agent.

The data needed to answer your questions is only now being developed, but there are a few general facts I can offer. If you have had the disease, or been exposed to this disease as a child — and most adults have — it is doubtful that you can contract it a second time.

Currently tests necessary to determine your state of immunity are only available at a few research laboratories, but your physician may be able to obtain one for you.

sium, Kies said.

Kies said Omega-3 works to reduce hypertension by moderating biological activators in the body known as eicosanoids. Omega-3 interacts with eicosanoids that appear to regulate kidney function, preventing the retention of excess fluid that can lead to out-of-balance sodium levels.

Kies said her results are based on a study of healthy adults given daily doses of Omega-3 over a 28-day period. Although Omega-3 is available commercially, Kies cautioned against self-treatment.

ANSWER: It's also called a "popliteal

cyst," since the back of your knee is the popliteal area, and it may be the result of a hernia, or pushing outward of the fibrous capsule of your knee, or of one of the bursa that are located in this area. A bursa is a sac or sac-like formation that contains the thick, viscous fluid that helps to "oil" the joint and prevent friction.

Although reports indicate that the B19 virus seems to affect babies born to women who become infected during their pregnancies, it does so infrequently. (Those effects range from spontaneous abortion to malformations, depending on what stage of pregnancy the woman is in when she contracts the disease.)

Thus, it would seem you are a long way from having to consider any dire outcomes to this situation.

QUESTION: I have a soft lump on the back of my knee that hurts when I straighten my leg. My doctor told me it was a Baker's cyst, but I can't find anything about it in my medical books. Is this anything to worry about? Can it turn into cancer? It isn't getting any better, and I've had it for six months.

ANSWER: It's also called a "popliteal

Clips

Money no longer matters

The last crusade of Indiana Jones

Von Bulow drama Glenn Close, Jeremy Irons and Ron Silver star in "Reversal of Fortune," an Edward R. Pressman production based on writer Nicholas Kazan's account of the Claus von Bulow legal ordeal.

Set against the world of the super rich, "Reversal of Fortune" is a portrayal of the inner workings of the intricate and dramatic legal process involving the aristocrat's battle to prove himself innocent of attempting to kill his American wife.

Barbet Schroeder is directing the Warner Bros. drama on locations in New York City for producers Pressman and Oliver Stone.

Batman video In one of the swiftest conversions of a major movie hit to videocassette, Warner Bros. has announced "Batman" will become available in video stores Nov. 15 in time for Christmas buying.

The video of the most successful film in Warner Bros. History, produced by Peter Guber and Jon Peters, will sell for a suggested list price of \$24.98 in the United States and \$29.95 in Canada, the studio announced.

At last count, "Batman" starring Michael Keaton and Jack Nicholson, had topped \$240 million at the domestic box office and is proving to be a raging hit abroad.

TV ice Ice skating champions Tai Babilonia and Randy Gardner have reunited to co-host a one-hour CBS-TV ice spectacular featuring music made famous by the movies.

Babilonia and Gardner will skate in the special, which was taped in Toronto by Dick Clark-Michael Steele productions. Among others appearing in the show will be Elizabeth Manley, Robin Cousins and John Curry.

A spokesman for Babilonia said NBC-TV currently is preparing a two-hour movie chronicling the rise of the young skating star and her descent into drugs, alcohol and attempted suicide.

Early blurb Universal Pictures and Steven Spielberg's Amblin Entertainment believe the early blurb gets the box office bucks with the announcement that a countdown has begun on "Back to the Future Part II."

Although the comedy sequel is not due for release until Nov. 22, the publicity ballyhoo has already started with three especially created, fully digitalized billboards designed to track the hours, minutes and exact seconds until the film is released.

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 12, (UPI): The further and final adventures of Indiana Jones, the swashbuckling archaeologist with the bullwhip and battered fedora, will gross at least \$150 million in North America alone before the year is out.

This time, in "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade," the intrepid adventurer played flawlessly by Harrison Ford is in the pursuit of the Holy Grail. Abetted by the addition of Indy's father, Dr. Henry Jones, played to tweedy perfection by Sean Connery, the finale of trilogy will be one of the major hits of the year.

Producer George Lucas and Director Steven Spielberg already hold the lion's share of all-time box-office winners between them, either as a team or individually—"E.T. The Extraterrestrial," the "Star Wars" trilogy, "Raiders of the Lost Ark," "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom," "Back to the Future," "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

Lucas, 45, is an unprepossessing man. He eschews Hollywood in favor of his studio complex in the San Francisco Bay area, but he uses the movie capital from time to time on business.

On a recent trip, Lucas expressed confidence that "The Last Crusade," would live up to industry expectations and will indeed be Indy's finale.

"We decided to limit the series to three because creatively the well had sort of run dry even before we decided to make this picture," he said.

"We make films because we enjoy the process of making movies. If you can't come up with a good story, then there's no reason to do it."

"We almost didn't make this one because I wasn't satisfied with the original script. It wasn't inspiring enough for the effort. Then I came up with the current script and we became excited about it."

Originally, we decided on three Indiana Jones films, which made it sort of a commitment. And I wanted to see it through."

Lucas said he no longer makes movies for the money, not that he doesn't fully appreciate the millions that most of his films bring in. His purpose, he said, is principally creative.

Without profit as a primary

motive, Lucas, as an independent producer, is free of the pressures of making choices on the basis of profit and loss.

"I've never been economically motivated, and I don't think Steven is either," he said.

"I believe ... that I make films based purely on my own emotional relationship with the idea, the theme and story. It has to be a movie I want to make for whatever reason I want to make it."

"It's not a matter of money. You make the kind of picture you want to make regardless. I made "American Graffiti" for less than \$1 million."

"The truth of it is that making large budget, giant kinds of movies is not necessarily as satisfying as making smaller films."

"What happens is you come up with an idea for a movie, whether big or small, you get captured with the idea and you make it. Neither Steven nor I have been restricted to doing big films. If the option isn't there, you focus on the little ones."

"If the idea grows into a big film, then you go with it. Size of a film has nothing to do with its artistic success. The cost of a film doesn't determine its worth."

"No one is going to be able to do these huge films much longer because they've become too expensive. No matter who you are, they soon won't be affordable."

"It's sad, but eventually there won't be any more "Gone With the Wind" or "Lawrence of Arabia" or "Dr Zhivago" because of economics. I'm afraid we'll end up with a lot of overweight movies of the week."

"It's already happened to an extent. Look back at "Intolerance." My God, the expenditure of time and energy couldn't possibly be made today."

Lucas says "We" a lot. "It's difficult to determine whether he's being imperial, but he clearly dislikes the first person singular when it comes to his accomplishments."

For instance: "For the group of us, filmmaking is a creative process, not an economic thing. We don't need to produce another movie to make more money. We make movies because we enjoy it."

Lucas added that he and Spielberg will join forces again somewhere down the road.

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woman in jeopardy. She is tough and independent and a match for Indie. I was happy for that."

Elsa is indeed more than just another pretty face. She keeps poor Indiana Jones off balance, never quite sure if she is friend or foe.

"The one thing about her is that she's as determined and obsessed as Indie is to get her hands on the Holy Grail."

"He falls prey to the same people that Elsa does. She is very cool, independent and gutsy, and I should think a good many actresses would like to play a woman like that. She's not as bad as some of the villains. I had a sympathy for her."

Elsa laughed and admitted that Elsa is not exactly a paragon of virtue.

"Yes, she did have an affair with both the father and the son," she said. "I sup-

pose that is a bit unusual even for a Hollywood movie."

"Because she does sleep with them both, there is no way she can survive at the end. She has to pay for that sin in true Hollywood tradition. It was all wonderful fun."

"The affair with the father is only implied. And the love scene with Indie is very brief and modestly done. No nudity. That's not my style. I would have played it that way. Better to leave everything to the imagination."

"It was exciting," Doody said. "I met them casually and they gave me three scenes to memorize. They said, 'come back in two days time with an Austrian accent.'"

"Now that I've seen the film, I'm happy with the way it turned out. How could it not turn out well with Steven directing it."

TODAY'S CROSSWORD

GOREN BRIDGE

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦K844 ♦KR3 ♦J642 ♦S33
The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass

4 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A. — For the moment, you have done all you can with your positive response. With no first-round control to show, be content with four spades. It is up to partner to make another move toward slam.

Q.2 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦J74 ♦9862 ♦AK3 ♦Q34

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Dbl ?

What action do you take?

A. — With 10 points you have enough to redouble. However, what do you intend doing if your left-hand opponent bids two clubs or two hearts and that gets passed back to you? To avoid this dilemma, bid one no trump now, which shows a good balanced hand — exactly what you have.

Q.3 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦J82 ♦KQ765 ♦1052 ♦J83

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

1 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A. — You have the values for one forward-going bid, and you have taken it. Pass. To rebid two hearts, you should have a six-card suit since partner, who has already shown two suits, rates to be short in hearts.

Q.4 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦S33 ♦KQ765 ♦1052 ♦J83

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

1 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A. — The same conditions apply as above. However, you must bid two clubs. You prefer partner's first suit by a wide margin, so tell him so. This is not a forward-going bid, just a correction.

Q.5 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦S33 ♦KQJ76 ♦1052 ♦J963

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

1 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A. — We said in a previous answer that you should have a six-card suit to bid two hearts. However, you must think for yourself. This hand is likely to take three or four tricks with hearts as trumps, but nothing playing in any other strain. Bid two hearts. Partner's high cards will help your cause.

Q.6 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦J762 ♦V6 ♦AK953 ♦V94

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

1 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A. — This time you are easily worth another bid, and the choice is yours. You have a four-card major suit, so go ahead and tell partner about it. Bid one spade.

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By Bram Parker and Dorothy New



By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You should not strike a bargain, unless it is something you really want. Your lucky numbers are 12 and 27. All kinds of exaggeration are to be avoided. Refrain from using force. Be trustworthy.

Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will tend to allow your attention to wander — try not to over your shoulder quite so much. You will have something to be pleased about. Try to exercise just a little more self-control. Be patient.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Avoid trying to do more than one thing at a

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Move to raise living standards

Plans to set up Baltic common market

MOSCOW, Sept. 12. (Reuter): The Soviet Baltic republics have pledged closer economic co-operation with the goal of setting up a Baltic common market by 1993, spokesmen said today.

A decision to try to co-ordinate the economic activities of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania was made on Friday evening at a meeting of senior government officials from the republics and leaders of the popular-front mass movements.

"The aim of the Baltic common market is to set up an integrated economic complex and co-ordinate foreign economic activities," declared a resolution passed at the meeting in Panevezys, Lithuania.

"The common goal is to raise living standards of the people of Latvia,

Estonia and Lithuania," said the resolution, according to a spokesman for the Sajudis Movement of Lithuania.

Under the envisaged plan, the Baltic republics would co-ordinate their own production and set up a single mechanism to deal with trade with other Soviet republics and foreign countries, said the spokesman, Laimonas Vasiliauskas.

"But it is not clear whether they would establish barriers against other Soviet republics, or what currency they would buy," said Virginijus Cepaitis, a Sajudis spokesman.

The details, once worked out, would have to be ratified by the Baltic parliaments.

"We are just getting started. There is nothing concrete yet," Cepaitis told

Reuters by telephone from Vilnius.

The decision was the latest manifestation of the Baltic republics' determination to set their own political and economic agenda despite strong criticism from the Kremlin that they have already gone too far.

The Supreme Soviet, or parliament, in Moscow gave preliminary backing to greater economic autonomy for the Baltic republics last month but postponed formal legislation on economic independence until the next session opening on September 25.

Strikers went back to work on Monday in two Soviet republics hit by nationalist unrest after local governments agreed to meet some of the organisers' demands.

In Azerbaijan, a strike which crippled the railways and affected the oil industry was suspended after authorities pledged to recognise the local popular front and seek a return to Azeri control over the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh.

In Moldavia, Russian and Ukrainian workers said they would go back to work in stages after the government promised to have legal experts re-examine recent legislation that makes Moldavian the state language.

The meeting on the Baltic economies was held under the auspices of the popular fronts of Estonia and Latvia and the Sajudis movement of Lithuania — all launched in the past 18 months with the goal of more autonomy from Moscow.

Among those attending were the deputy prime ministers of Lithuania and Estonia — Kazimira Pruskaite and Edgar Savisaar — and the deputy chiefs of the state planning agencies of all three republics, according to Vasiliauskas.

The meeting was held without any consultation with Moscow, said Cepaitis, who was present at the gathering.

"This is all brand new. We will soon find out what the Kremlin's reaction will be," he said.

Under the decision, the Baltic republics would by next year work out an inter-governmental agreement on integrating their production, said Vasiliauskas, a journalist employed by the Sajudis Information Agency.

Dollar mixed

UK stocks trim losses

LONDON, Sept. 12. (AP): The dollar ended mixed in aimless European trading today, as dealers preferred to trade in narrow ranges rather than take any big positions ahead of US economic figures due later in the week.

Gold prices also were mixed.

There were unconfirmed rumours of Bank of Japan intervention in Asian trading. No other central banks were sighted during the day.

Dealers said the dollar twice tried to break through the bottom of its recent range, at 1.9800 West German marks. The attempts were unsuccessful, and instead triggered light buying that brought the dollar back up to its late levels.

A corporate dealer at a US bank in London predicted the dollar would trade between 1.9800 marks and 2.0000 marks until the market sees the latest batch of US figures, which are expected to give the dollar a clearer direction.

US retail sales figures for August are to be released Thursday. Trade figures for July are due on Friday, as well as producer prices, industrial production and capacity utilization numbers for August.

In London, the dollar fell against the British pound. It cost \$1.5470 to buy one pound, dearer than \$1.5450 late Monday.

Other late dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Monday:

- 1.9880 West German marks, up from 1.9875
- 1.7160 Swiss francs, up from 1.7150
- 6.6950 French francs, down from 6.6970
- 2.2350 Dutch guilders, down from 2.2425
- 1.421.75 Italian lire, down from 1.424.75
- 1.1892 Canadian dollars, up from 1.1873

In Tokyo, where trading ends before Europe's business day begins, the dollar fell 1.04 yen to a closing 146.73 yen. Later, in London, it was quoted at a rate of 147.08 yen.

Gold held steady in London at a late bid price of \$358.75 a troy ounce, unchanged from Monday's late bid.

In Zurich, gold was lower, closing at a bid \$358.55 compared with Friday's \$360.00. Markets were closed Monday afternoon for a holiday.

In Hong Kong, gold rose \$1.03 to close at a bid \$359.93.

Silver bullion prices held steady on the London market where the metal was trading at a late bid price of 5.08 dollars a troy ounce, unchanged from Monday's late bid.

In London share prices trummed much of their earlier losses, helped by Wall Street which turned higher after its initial mixed tone.

However dealers said that concern over prospects for company earnings in the UK weighed on sentiment. This is the height of the busy half-year corporate results schedule.

One trader said, "Wall Street's firmer and that seems to have dragged us up here but I don't think there's any real volume behind it."

Dealers said the market may be fairly quiet until key economic data, including August UK retail prices, later this week.

Kingfisher was 11 p higher at 349 on first half pre-tax profits of £62.7 million, excluding property profits, from a previous 49.1 million, and against market estimates of 52 to 63 million.

Palestine membership in IAEA

Arabs to launch bid

VIENNA, Sept. 12. (KUNA): The Arab group at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) will launch a bid during the agency's general congress, scheduled to open here Sept. 25, for accession of the state of Palestine as full fledged member, it was disclosed today.

Iraq's new ambassador in Vienna and representative to the Vienna-based agency, Rahim Abed told Arab journalists today that a draft resolution would be tabled by the Arab group elevating Palestinian representation from the present observer status to full membership.

The Arab draft resolution has been put before the group of 77 developing states, who voiced tentative support to back it up at the congress, the Iraqi envoy explained.

The agency's general congress held in the Brazilian capital of Rio de Janeiro in 1976 has accorded the Palestine Liberation Organisation observer status, as one of the world's national liberation movements.

The Arab draft, according to the envoy, is aimed at expanding Palestinian participation in various activities of the agency, after such participation has been hampered over recent years by numerous countries, opposed to Palestinian presence in UN organisations and other specialised agencies.

However, the Iraqi envoy admitted that several parties had expressed reservations regarding admission of the Palestinian state as full member to the agency.

A meeting between the Arab group and the Group of 77 is set for Sept. 19 to put final touches to the draft resolution for presentation to the general congress at the end of this month, Abed indicated.

said rising interest rates were causing caution.

HONG KONG: Prices ended easier but above their lows on late buying in thin trading. Traders said the market remained fragile and players were unwilling to take positions ahead of the long weekend. The Hang Seng index fell 4.45 to 2,610.15.

BOMBAY: Share prices rallied on speculative and institutional buying to finish mixed after a two-day fall. Tata Steel recovered five per cent to 1,78.75.

Tokyo share prices

Nikkei stock average: 34332.88 (+219.22)

Volume: 500 mil shs

Yen exchange rate: 146.73

Name of stock: Chig

Advantest Corporation: 4860

Alps Electric: 2860

Amada: 1710

Asahi Chemical Indus: 1200

Asahi Glass: 2380

C. Itoh Co.: 980

Canon Inc.: 1720

Casio Computer: 1400

Dai Nippon Printing: 2360

Daichi Seiyaku: 3140

Daiimpion Pharmaceut: 2810

Daishiniku Corp.: 1830

Eisai: 2440

Fanuc Ltd.: 6770

Fuji Photo Film Co.: 4380

Fujitsu Ltd.: 1550

Hitachi Credit: 1910

Hitachi Koki: 1860

Hitachi Ltd.: 1580

Hitachi Metal: 1520

Honda Motor: 1990

Ito-Yokado Co., Ltd.: 4500

Kajima Corporation: 2070

Kawasaki Heavy Ind: 1060

Kobe Cast Iron Works: 920

Kokusui Elec: 2930

Komatsu Ltd.: 1230

Kyocera Corporation: 5390

Marui: 1240

Matsushita Comm. Ind.: 2970

Matsushita Electric: 2340

Mazda Motor Corp.: 1050

Mitsubishi Corporation: 1540

Mitsubishi Estate: 2360

Mitsubishi Heavy Ind: 1150

Mitsui Real Estate: 2560

Mizuno Corporation: 1840

Mori Seiki Co., Ltd.: 4250

NEC Corporation: 1810

Nikon Corporation: 1400

Nippon Shishan Co., Ltd.: 1770

Nippon Steel Corp.: 789

Nippondenso Co., Ltd.: 2470

Nitsuko Corporation: 1410

Nomura Securities: 3120

Okuma Machinery Work: 1830

Onward Kashiyama Co.: 2190

Oris Corporation: 6760

Pionon Electric Co.: 4160

Ronson Look Inc.: 2380

Sanyo Electric Co.: 859

Seicom Co., Ltd.: 7360

Shin-Etsu Chemical Co.: 1770

Shindengen Electric: 1220

Sony Corporation: 8250

Sumitomo Metal Ind.: 1510

Takeda Chemical Ind.: 2500

TDK Corporation: 5600

Tokio Marine Fire: 2050

Tokyo Elec. Power: 5780

Tokyo Electron Ltd.: 3300

Toppan Printing: 2020

Toshiba Industries Inc.: 985

Toshiba Corporation: 1260

Toyota Motor Corp.: 2580

Yaskawa Electric Mfg. 1260

UPI adds: Banyu Pharm: 1790 dn 10

Calpis: 1550 unch

Daiva House: 2900 dn 30

Fuji Bank: 3580 up 30

Fuji Elec: 1070 up 30

JAL: Kirin: 17100 up 100

Mitsui Bank: 2440 unch

Nissan: 1480 up 10

Ricoh: 1220 unch

Sekisui: 2390 up 20

Sharp: 1450 up 60

Shiseido: 2030 up 50

Taisei: 1570 unch

Yokogawa: 1820 dn 20

Provided by Nomura Investment Banking (Mideast), Bahrain

Venezuela outlines strategy for stability

Dollar stabilisation effort in shambles

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12, (AP): The international effort to stabilise the value of the dollar is in shambles, raising the risk that America's trade deficit will soar in coming years as US products are priced off overseas markets, a Washington research group says.

The Institute for International Economics said today that President George Bush's administration must share the blame for the breakdown of the co-ordination effort, which has allowed the dollar to rise by 20 per cent against the Japanese yen since the first of the year.

A rising dollar makes US goods more expensive on overseas markets while cutting the price of imports to American consumers. Economists view both developments with alarm since they would make America's huge trade deficit even worse by boosting import purchases and slowing export sales.

A string of record trade deficits in the 1980s transformed the United States into the world's largest debtor nation as billion of dollars were handed over to foreigners

to pay for imported goods.

President Ronald Reagan's administration launched an effort with the world's richest industrial nations in 1985 to push the dollar lower as a way of curing America's trade problems and fending off growing crises in Congress for protectionist trade barriers.

The effort by the United States and the other countries in the Group of Seven — Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Canada and Italy — was credited with reducing the deficit sharply in 1988 as American manufacturers enjoyed a boom in export sales. However, the improvement has slowed this year and economists at the institute predicted the deficit would begin worsening again in 1990 because of the dollar's jump in value.

The G-7 countries have been frustrated in their efforts to stabilise the dollar at much lower levels.

In trading Monday in Tokyo, the dollar shot to a three-month high against the Japanese yen despite dollar-selling

intervention on the part of the Bank of Japan.

"The financial markets now view the G-7 process as having lost all of its credibility," said C. Fred Bergsten, director of the institute. "They have violated their own target zones (for the dollar's value) and have made no serious or concerted effort to preserve them."

Bergsten blamed the unruly dollar in part on a failure by the Bush administration and Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady to make international economic co-operation a top priority.

"One reason the G-7 process is in shambles is because the US government is not giving it the kind of push that (former Treasury Secretary James A.) Baker did in 1985 through 1987," Bergsten said.

The institute released a new book Monday aimed at raising the political profile of the problem by getting Congress and other agencies of the executive branch more involved in setting dollar policies.

The book, "Dollar politics: Exchange

rate policymaking in the United States," urged that the current process for setting dollar policy be broadened beyond the small group of officials at the Treasury and the Federal Reserve who are now making the decisions.

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The book said that since the late 1960s, the history of international dollar policy in this country has been one of periods of neglect followed by hurry-up efforts seeking to repair the damage caused by improper dollar policies.

Argentina looks set on road to recovery

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 12, (Reuter): Argentina's monthly inflation rate plunged in August, raising hopes that after just two months in office President Carlos Menem has pushed his country back on the road to economic recovery.

"At last they (the authorities) are doing something. They are on the right track," a senior foreign banker said after official figures on Thursday showed the rate of increase in the cost of living had tumbled to 37.9 per cent in August from a record 196.6 per cent in July.

"The government is on the right course and if it reduces its deficit and tightens its expenditures economic recovery could come as soon as January or February," independent economist Rodolfo Rossi said.

The austerity programme launched when Menem took office has won widespread support from industry, farmers and bankers.

It included an agreement on prices with industry and wage controls — reflected in the fall in monthly inflation — stiff increases on utility charges and petrol prices and plans to privatise loss-making state companies and suspend subsidies for private enterprises in order to cut a massive fiscal deficit.

Menem, who led the peronists to a landslide victory over former President Raul Alfonsin's radicals in an early election in May, has forecast inflation will fall to under 10 per cent in September and 15 per cent on an annual basis in 1990.

Short-dated KD deposit rates firm

KUWAIT, Sept. 12, (Reuter): Short-dated Kuwaiti dinar interbank deposit rates firmed in moderate trade today ahead of this week's issue of 100 million dinars of 91-day treasury bills.

Dealers said liquidity was beginning to drain from the market as operators covered positions. The treasury bill issue, due tomorrow, was also expected to draw strong demand.

Quotes for tomorrow-next and spot-next funds rose to 8-1/4, 7-3/4 per cent from 7-1/2, seven on Monday. Deals were reported in the tomorrow-next at eight. One week also edged up, to 8-3/8, eight per cent.

Fixed periods were quiet, with one to three-month maturities indicated steady at 8-1/2, 1/4 per cent. Six-month to one-year were barely changed at 8-1/2, 3/8 per cent.

The Central Bank adjusted its dinar exchange rate, from 0.30107/17 to the dollar from 0.30176/86 on Monday.

Meanwhile Saudi riyal interbank deposit rates were easier in line with softer Eurodollar rates, but trading was thin and activity confined to short-dates, dealers said.

Moroccan GDP growth quickens

ADB loan for Morocco

RABAT, Sept. 12, (Reuter): Morocco has received a new loan of \$123 million from the African Development Bank (ADB), making it the biggest of the bank's 49 borrowers.

The loan, details of which have not been made public, will help to finance economic reforms agreed as part of a liberalisation programme drawn up by the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Morocco, eighth in the World Bank's list of the most heavily indebted Third World countries, has now received \$1.3 billion from the ADB. Its total foreign debt stands at about \$22 billion.

ADB president Babacar N'Diaye told reporters today the loan was designed to help efforts to liberalise foreign trade and support fresh public investment.

"This loan has come about because we believe sincerely that the programmes put in place by the Moroccan government have been well piloted," he said.

The annual inflation rate was only just over two per cent last year, while the budget deficit was cut by almost one fifth.

Morocco is now negotiating with private banks for a reduction in its debt servicing.

compared to 76 per cent in 1988, the report said.

Concerning other components of foreign trade, the report notes that thanks to an expansion of revenues from the "journeys" item (a 16 per cent rise from 7.8 billion to DH9.05 billion) and of a 31 per cent alleviation of the trade deficit, the negative clearance of the goods and services balance improved by 29.9 per cent (DH9.34 billion in 1988 against 13.3 billion in 1987).

The improvement was obtained in spite of a 31.9 per cent aggravation of the country's foreign debt services (DH8.16 billion in 1988 compared to 6.18 billion in 1987), the report noted.

Remittances by Moroccan workers abroad dropped sharply in 1988 (down 19.4 per cent) after the significant rises registered till 1986 and a relative stagnation in 1987 (up 4 per cent only).

Last year, remittances stood at DH10.7 billion compared 13.27 billion in 1987. In spite of these two negative factors (rise of foreign debt services and drop in remittances), the current balance of payments registered a record surplus for the second consecutive year. Taking into account the negative clearance due to drawings from the International Monetary Fund and reimbursements to it (DH652 million).

The company announced plans to invest in four new animal feed plants, new chicken projects and a chemical plant to produce the amino acid used by the feed plants.

CP deputy managing Director Ariva Taekamonda said the bloodshed at Tiansamen Square did not affect CP projects.

"Now the situation is normal and our projects are going ahead," he said.

A company source said CP was confident that its investments would be profitable because it supported a Chinese government policy aimed at upgrading the quality of consumption for the Chinese people.

"CP looked hard at what lies ahead for its investments in China and concluded that Beijing would not close the door to foreign investors because China has seen so much progress since it opened the country 10 years ago," he said.

He said CP could not afford to overlook a market of one billion people.

Some businesses, however, were concerned at the damage the well-publicised action against the student demonstrators had done to China's image.

One businessman, who asked not to be identified, said the Tiansamen incident had badly affected the sale of Chinese products — particularly luxury items.

Others expressed guarded concern about the longer term stability of the country.

As Boonsong noted, the key factor in deciding on long-term investment is stability and many Thai businesses and experts believe stability depends on top leader Deng Xiaoping.

and force unions to ballot members in secret before calling strikes. Unions calling illegal strikes can be fined for contempt of court and sued by employers for strike-inflicted losses.

Recent polls show that for the first time in 25 years, most Britons no longer consider the unions too powerful. They also found majorities sympathising with the summer pay strikes, despite the communist misery, and blaming the government, not the unions, for economic problems.

No longer feared, the unions have faded as an issue. And with the unions looking like the underdogs, the union-bashing that helped Thatcher to three successive election victories no longer looks like a vote-puller.

"None of this means that the unions are on the offensive," cautions Martin Jacques, editor of the monthly Marxism Today. "What it does mean is that ... the unions have got their heads above the parapet again."

The victorious summer strikes have encouraged others, like ambulance drivers, who are citing the rail workers' increase to justify demanding a raise above the 8.3 per cent inflation rate.

With pay settlements averaging 9.5 per cent, there are fears that Britain is headed back into the inflationary spiral of the 1970s.

Both in numbers and political clout, the unions have taken a long fall from their 1970s heyday, when striking miners helped topple Edward Heath's Conservative government and Labour governments consulted union bosses almost as regularly as cabinet ministers.

Union confidence has been aided by a drop in unemployment to about 6 per cent, labour shortages in the prosperous southeast and a resurgence of inflation.

we have no idea how events in June will affect things in the long term."

One senior city official said about \$1 billion had been invested in 603 overseas-backed business ventures in Canton during the past 10 years.

Foreign businessmen resident here said the provincial government had been trying very hard to limit the effect of events in Beijing from spreading to its territory since May.

"Political risks in the province, which is far away from Beijing are comparatively small," said a Japanese banker. "China needs foreign exchange and Beijing is unlikely to upset the stability of Guangdong, the biggest hard currency earner in the country."

The message coming across to us is that business should be able to go on as usual in the short term, which may be due to the already heavy investment that China traders have committed themselves to. But

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World Bank president Barber Conable, (left) meets with Prime Minister Toshikazu Kaifu at the Japanese premier's official residence yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)

Bid to combat warming of atmosphere

World Bank to boost lending

TOKYO, Sept. 12, (AP): The World Bank will increase lending to population-control projects and forestry development to help combat the phenomenon of atmospheric warming, bank president Barber Conable told an international conference on the environment Monday.

Boonsong said that most Thai projects, if affected at all, were slowed only temporarily.

Thailand's bilateral trade with China amounted to more than \$1.1 billion last year. No figures were available for investment, but most experts agreed China received more Thai investment than any other country and the amount is still growing.

Boonsong said Thai businesses are optimistic about further investment in China and believe that Thais, because of their close personal and governmental relations with China, have an advantage over other nations.

"Western and Japanese, investors in China do not get along with Chinese authorities as well as Thais do because most Thai investors are ethnic Chinese," he said.

The Charoen Pokphand Group, Thailand's largest agricultural company led by Simon-Thai executives, plans to step up its investments in China, which already amount to more than \$400 million.

He spoke at the opening of a conference on the global environment and development. Sponsored by the Japanese government and the United Nations Environment Programme, the conference has drawn dozens of officials and experts from many countries and international organisations.

At the end of the conference on Wednesday, they are expected to issue recommendations on ways to combat the main problem on the agenda: the phenomenon of global warming, which scientists warn could scorch parts of the earth and raise sea levels unless

positive vigour," he said, reporting that he discussed such issues in depth during his just-completed series of summit meetings in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

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The newly-elected prime minister expressed his country's desire to extend financial and technological assistance to developing countries to preserve the tropical forest.

Reiterating a pledge made earlier in Washington, Kaifu said Japan would provide \$2.25 billion in aid over the next three years to protect the world environment.

"Some may say we have made no progress, we have not changed. They are wrong. Others may say that progress is slow. I am telling you here that we intend to accelerate, and that the momentum will be stronger if we are able to work in partnership with the worldwide NGO community," the World Bank president said.

Mostafa K. Tolba, executive director of the United Nations Environment Programme, said depletion of the ozone layer, caused by chlorofluorocarbons and other chemicals, was increasing skin cancer and eye cataracts.

"The human immunity system may be weakening. Agricultural patterns may be impacted, and marine food chains affected," he told delegates.

Tolba called for "full partnership in all countries" to phase out ozone-destroying chemicals and said he was concerned that only 13 of the world's 120 developing countries have ratified the Montreal protocol in those chemicals.

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Kaifu said in a welcoming speech that Japan intends to raise its foreign environmental aid to \$2.25 billion in three years.

"Japan is ready to take on global environmental issues with

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Stores
Ahmed Al Jaber Street, Al
Awadi Building
Najra & Hawalli
Shamsa Pharmacy
Najra, Ebin, Khaldoun
Street, Property of Fatima Al
Mulla
Salama & Khamisya
Al Nahda Pharmacy
Baghdad Street, Property of
Al Saeed
Fahd & Ahmed
Al Khaled Pharmacy
Fahd, Al Mopana Street
Abdullah Al Rabie Building
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Al Hawalli Pharmacy
Fahd, Al Mostawaf
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Jalila
Al Khaled Pharmacy
Jalila, Opposite to Jabra Co-
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The Syndicate arrive today

GOA'S "numero uno" pop band, The Syndicate, arrive in Kuwait today for their first-ever musical concert in this country at the Indian Arts Circle auditorium in Fumane on Friday, Sept 15, at the invitation of two of the leading Goan organisations in Kuwait, The Weekend Club and Kuwait Goans.

On that occasion, the group will also release their maiden audio cassette entitled "Syndicate Live" which contains a selection of popular Western and Goan songs.

The Syndicate's concert will also feature Kuwait's popular groups "Stepping Stones" and "Top

Ranks" besides guest singers Liane and Farida.

The show, which will be co-ordinated by Kuwait TV's popular newscaster, Adeeb Shuaiber, will include a surprise Filipino item.

Tonight The Syndicate are guests of the "Maharaja Palace" at a dinner where lucky diners holding reservations will be able to meet the members of the band. For the others, The Syndicate have promised an evening of exciting music at their concert on Friday at the Indian Arts Circle auditorium starting 4.00 pm. For any information, call 5741380.

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SPORTS

Taylor retains IBF welterweight title

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, Sept. 12. (AP) - Melvick Taylor came back from a one-month layoff to successfully defend his International Boxing Federation (IBF) junior welterweight title with a 12-round unanimous decision over Courtney Hooper last night.

Hooper started out aggressively but Taylor easily handled him with his hand speed. Each advance by Hooper was countered with combinations that featured up to a dozen punches.

"This fight was a tremendous win for me and I'm very happy because I came back from a lot of adversity," Taylor said. "I saw today that I still have the lateral movement, mobility and hand speed that I had before the layoff."

Judges Anthony Wolfe and Gary Merritt both gave Taylor a 118-110 advantage and Judge John Stewart scored Taylor a 117-111 winner.

Taylor, 22, of Philadelphia, improved to 22-0-1 and Hooper, 26, of Detroit, is now 24-2.

Taylor captured the title in September 1988 by knocking out Buddy McGirt. Four months later, he defeated John Meakins.

He suffered torn cartilage in his left knee while sparing in early March and re-injured it stretching three weeks later.

Gower hits superb century

Essex finish second

LONDON, Sept. 12. (Reuters) - David Gower brightened his end-of-season gloom with a superb century yesterday, but failed to stop Essex from clinching runners-up spot in the English County Cricket Championship.

Gower, deposed as England captain and overlooked as a player for the winter tour of West Indies within 24 hours last week, scored 109 of his brilliant best for Leicester after a first-innings duck.

When his county followed on 270 behind, Gower frustrated Essex skipper Graham Gooch - his successor as England captain - with an innings lasting 157 minutes in which he faced 150 balls and struck a six and 15 fours.

However, with left-arm spinner John Childs taking five for 84 and pace bowler Neil Foster three for 98, Leicestershire were all out for 274.

Essex completed a 10-wicket win at Leicester and, having played all their matches, are two points behind Worcestershire, who have retained the title.

Former West Indies Test fast

bowler Michael Holding marked his last match before retirement by edging Derbyshire to a one-wicket win over Nottinghamshire at Derby.

Derbyshire needed only 157 for victory and, although opener Peter Bowler hit 58, they were left to make the final 18 runs with their last pair together.

Holding took three fours off left-arm spinner Andy Afford to bring the score level and pace bowler Simon Base then swept the spinner to the boundary to clinch victory.

Leicestershire completed a crushing 184-run win over Yorkshire at Scarborough - the first time they have beaten their arch-rivals twice in a season in the championship since 1960.

Phil Robinson batted bravely for 117 but Yorkshire, facing a massive victory target of 490, were dismissed for 295. Pace pair Paul Allott and Mike Watkinson took three wickets each and off-spinner Dexter Pitton snapped up two from consecutive balls - the first dismissing Robinson.

Results

At Southampton: Glamorgan beat Hampshire by 30 runs.

Glamorgan 247 in 111.2 overs and 133. Hampshire 201 in 86.1 overs and 149 (R. Scott 52, S. Watkin five for 46). Glamorgan 22 points Hampshire 4.

At Scarborough: Lancashire beat Yorkshire by 184 runs. Lancashire 347 in 98 overs and 369 for eight declared. Yorkshire 237 in 77 overs and 295 (P. Robinson 117, M. Moxon 41). Lancashire 24 points and Yorkshire 6.

At Derby: Derbyshire beat Nottinghamshire by one wicket. Nottinghamshire 330 in 83.2 overs and 119 (A. Warner four for 18). Derbyshire 293 in 92.2 overs and 160 for nine (P. Bowler 58, R. Pick four for 41). Derbyshire 23 points Nottinghamshire 6.

At Leicester: Essex beat Leicestershire by ten wickets. Essex 415 in 119.2 overs and eight for no wicket. Leicestershire 145 in 57 overs and 274 (D. Gower 109, J. Whitaker 44, J. Childs five for 84). Essex 24 points Leicestershire 2.

At Bristol: Gloucestershire beat Somerset by 141 runs. Gloucestershire 259 in 94.1 overs and 310 for seven declared. Somerset 165 in 69.3 overs and

At Edgbaston: Warwickshire 179 in 73.4 overs and 79 for one declared (A. Fordham 55 not out). Warwickshire fought for no wicket declared and 217 for eight (A. Moles 50).

Standings

English County Cricket Championship table after matches ending yesterday, with last season's position in brackets (statute under played, won, lost, drawn, batting bonus points, bowling bonus total points):

1. Worcester(1)	21	12	3	6	44	793.15
2. Warwick(1)	21	12	3	6	45	771.13
3. Middlesex(7)	21	9	2	10	47	682.59
4. Lancashire(9)	21	8	5	5	54	613.43
5. Northants(12)	21	7	8	7	47	612.22
6. Hampshire(15)	21	6	8	7	52	625.213
7. Derbyshire(14)	21	6	9	42	71	209
8. Warwick(6)	21	5	12	44	71	203
9. Nottingham(10)	21	5	12	44	67	201
10. Sussex(16)	21	4	13	59	66	189
11. Notts(5)	21	6	9	54	61	186
12. Surrey(4)	21	4	7	10	46	69
13. Leicestershire(8)	21	4	8	9	42	70
14. Somerset(11)	21	4	8	10	41	60
15. Yorkshire(13)	21	3	9	10	41	59
16. Gloucestershire(17)	21	3	6	12	36	59
17. Glamorgan(17)	21	3	6	12	36	59

Warwickshire total includes eight points from drawn game in which scores were level. Essex and Nottinghamshire each deducted 25 points for sub-standard pitches.

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16. Gloucestershire(17)

17. Glamorgan(17)

Athletes performance not affected

Long sex bans unnecessary

NICE, France, Sept. 12. (Reuters) - Athletes preparing for competition need not shun sex for days or weeks for fear of diminishing their performance, a new scientific study shows.

"Ten hours of abstinence should be enough to give the athlete no problems," said Jukin Szajzel, a doctor at the university hospital of Geneva.

It was also accepted, he said, that having no sex at all could be psychologically disturbing after a while."

Szajzel and four colleagues said their study, based on performance tests given to 16 athletes, provided the first comprehensive scientific research on the subject.

Coaches have traditionally told athletes to keep off sex before competition, sometimes for weeks, to maintain energy and concentration.

Szajzel's study, presented at the annual congress of the European

Society of Cardiology in Nice yesterday, compared two groups of athletes who had sexual intercourse two hours, 10 hours or more, before riding a bicycle for an hour.

Those who had sex two hours before the exercise had a heart-rate six to 10 beats per minute higher than those who had intercourse 10 hours or more before the test, he said.

The recovery rates were measured five and 10 minutes after the exercise.

An elevated heart beat affects endurance.

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But he said scientific findings did not support the need to impose long periods of sexual abstinence on cyclists during competition weeks, on Olympic athletes during the Games, or on soccer players during championships.

Dufresne surprises Mancini

GENEVA, Sept. 12. (Reuters) - Belgian Xavier Dufresne, 470th in the world rankings, produced one of the shock tennis wins of the year by eliminating Argentine Alberto Mancini in the first round of the Geneva Open today.

A series of errors followed by a crippling bout of cramp sent the master of Rome and Monte Carlo to a 5-7, 4-7, 6-4 defeat.

Qualifier Dufresne refused to be overawed by the top seed and world number 11 and became the lowest rated player to stage an upset in a 1989 Grand Prix tournament.

Mancini needed 52 minutes to warm up the first set.

Dufresne rallied strongly to take the second but Mancini was leading 5-4 and 30-love on the Belgian's service in the decider when his right crumpled under him with cramp.

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When they should be withdrawn.

Another group of rebels from the majority Sinhalese community has set up on the unpopular presence of the Indian soldiers and launched a bloody campaign to topple the government of President Ranasinghe Premadasa.

The Army has taken over the Colombo ground for firing practice as bombs, curfews and political murders have scared away the leading cricket nations of Australia, West Indies, England, Pakistan and India.

The majority of visiting Indians now are troops carrying guns, not bats, and the future of the sport in this cricket-mad island is bleak.

"The basic question for foreign teams is can we guarantee their security?" said Somasundaram Skandakumar, secretary of the board of control for cricket.

But how can we do this when we can't even guarantee our own security?" he said in an interview.

This former British colony has been racked by violence, terror and killings since 1983 when Tamil rebels in the north and east of the country stepped up a push for autonomy.

About 50,000 Indian troops were sent to the island in 1987 to enforce an agreement aimed at ending the Tamil rebellion and more than 40,000 remain. The two countries are arguing about

rebel-inspired curfews.

The final of the Lakspray Trophy, Sri Lanka's premier club competition, should have been completed by last March but the two teams contesting the final have still to meet.

Youngsters play when they can and the familiar crack of bat against ball can be heard in parks and playgrounds. But schools have been disrupted since last October, preventing the next cricketing generation from playing regularly.

"Sri Lanka will feel the impact of this in a few years time," said Skandakumar.

Sri Lanka now has to play all its international cricket abroad.

A team is due to leave for India next month to take part in the Nehru Cup limited-overs tournament along with Pakistan, West Indies, Australia and England.

Sri Lanka will tour Australia, playing two Test matches and taking part in another limited-overs competition with Australia and Pakistan.

But prospects of Sri Lanka being able to entertain other Test-playing countries at home remain distant.

"Countries cannot receive us indefinitely. In the end, people may ask - is Sri Lanka good enough to remain in the International Cricket Conference?" said Skandakumar.

A shot from a Sri Lanka-India game.

bomb exploded in the city's commercial district, Pettah, killing 113 people.

New Zealand took the first flight out and no team has come here since," said Skandakumar.

Gamini Goonesena, a former Sri Lanka international who also played first-class cricket in England and Australia, said the lack of tour was a tremendous disadvantage for Sri Lanka.

Goonesena, now one of



Ricky Saunders (with the ball) caught six passes for 143 yards.

Giants scalp Redskins

Allegre gives New York victory

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12. (AP) - Raul Allegre's 52-yard field goal as time ran out gave the New York Giants a 27-24 victory over the Washington Redskins last night in a shootout between quarterbacks Phil Simms and Mark Rypien.

Allegre's kick was his second field goal in the final 24 after Washington had erased a 21-10 fourth-quarter deficit with two touchdowns within 54 seconds.

It was the sixth win in the last seven non-sure games for Washington, who had three losses last night in a shootout between quarterbacks Phil Simms and Mark Rypien.

The game started slowly, then turned into a shootout between Simms and Rypien.

Maradona set to play again for Napoli

NAPLES, Italy, Sept 12. (Reuter): Soccer superstar Diego Maradona looks set to make a long-awaited comeback for Napoli when they open their defence of the UEFA Cup against Sporting Lisbon of Portugal on Thursday.

Maradona, out first with injury and then in uproar over an extended unauthorized holiday in Argentina, has not played

for the Italian side since June 18.

But coach Alberto Bigon said after Maradona trained yesterday that the inspirational midfielder would probably come on for at least some of the game in Lisbon.

"He should play at least part of the match, we'll see," said Bigon. "Today he's worked like a Trojan. I haven't thought yet

whether to put him on from the start or bring him on during the match."

Napoli are unbeaten in the Italian League and joint leaders without their Argentine World Cup captain but Sporting Lisbon are tough opposition and team-mates said Maradona's presence could make a vital difference.

"He is putting everything into coming back," said defender Ciro Ferrara. "It's the right occasion for Diego and with him Napoli could really take off."

Maradona returned to Naples two weeks after the start of the season after threatening from Argentina to throw his contract at club president Corrado Ferlaino and quit soccer.

Milan lead Italian bid for glory

Van Basten and Gullit to miss Cup opener

LONDON, Sept 12. (Reuter): Holders AC Milan and city rivals Internazionale will tomorrow lead Italy into what could be a year of exceptional European and global soccer glory when they meet Nordic opposition in the first round of the Champions' Cup.

The two Milan teams, each packed with international stars, are among the seven Italian clubs participating in the three European club competitions which are expected to provide a stirring prelude to next year's World Cup finals in Italy.

Milan, 4-0 victors over Steaua Bucharest of Romania in last season's high quality final in Barcelona, will be without four of their strongest team for their home first leg tie against HJK Helsinki.

But on a night of 53 ties in the three competitions, even a pale shadow of Milan's strongest team should do enough to reduce the second leg to merely academic proportions.

While Italian champions Internazionale, stung by their 2-0 defeat at Sampdoria on Sunday, travel to face the powerful Swedish champions Malmo, Arrigo Sacchi's team will meet Helsinki at San Siro without injured Dutchmen Ruud Gullit and Marco van Basten and Italian internationals Roberto Donadoni and Franco Baresi.

Gullit and Van Basten are, like Donadoni, recovering from injury while Baresi is suspended for a match the Italians, even without two-thirds of their

Dutch inspiration, should win with ease even if the Finns frustrate them for long spells.

Internazionale, back in the Champion's Cup for the first time since 1980, will be without

key midfielder Nicola Berti, who has a strained thigh, and may struggle to survive unbeaten in Malmo.

"The important thing is to regain our punch and get our

concentration and lucidity back," said coach Giovanni Trappattoni. "Malmo marks an important step on our path and we must make a good impression."

Like Milan, Internazionale have built their side around a foreign core by importing three outstanding West Germans and the experience of Andreas Breitner, Lothar Matthaeus and Jurgen Klinsmann could prove

Their battle-hardened qualities will also be the type required by West German champions Bayern Munich, who face a torrid night in Scotland against injury-hit Glasgow Rangers in what appears the most evenly-matched tie of the round.

Rangers' manager Graeme Souness, a veteran of Liverpool's years of European glory, could be without defender Richard Gough and strikers Ally McCoist and Maurice Johnston. "We are down on the boards for this one," he said. "Players must be prepared to put up with a bit of pain."

"But I'm an optimist and I think we can win. But it will be extremely hard."

Steaua Bucharest, Real Madrid, PSV Eindhoven of the Netherlands, Benfica of Portugal and French champions Marseille will also be full of confidence for their opening round

The Romanians are at home to Fram Reykjavik of Iceland, PSV entertain Lucerne of Switzerland, Benfica visit Derry City in Ireland and Marseille host Danish champions Brondby in a tie which represents the first true test of their president Bernard Tapie's policy of attempting to buy his way to European success.



Van Basten (left) and Gullit: not playing against Helsinki



Flateh retiring from football

Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed, chairman of the Kuwait Olympic Committee, Kuwait Football Association and Olympic Council of Asia, was recently received by the management of the Kuwait International Hotel. Sheikh Fahd was at the hotel to open the press conference of Hmoud Flateh announcing the

latter's retirement from football. A match, under the patronage of the Minister of Information Sheikh Jaber Al Mubarak, will be held between a Kuwaiti and Egyptian team on Sept 25 to mark Flateh's retirement. Above: Sheikh Fahd (left) being received by the Kuwait International management.

Court suspends ban on six Indian stars

NEW DELHI, Sept 12. (Reuter): India's Supreme Court today suspended year-long bans imposed on six cricket stars.

It said the six players, including Test captain Dilip Vengsarkar and all-rounder Kapil Dev, should appeal to the disciplinary committee of the Board for Control of Cricket in India (BCCI), who are due to meet this week.

The court made no ruling on the legitimacy of the bans imposed by the BCCI, who said the six had broken contracts by playing unauthorised matches in North America following an Indian tour of the West Indies earlier this year.

But it said the punishments should be held in abeyance until the players had appealed and the court had ruled on whether the BCCI had the power to impose them.

Vengsarkar, Kapil Dev, batsmen Mohammed Azharuddin and Arun Lal, all-rounder Ravi Shastri and wicketkeeper Kiran More say their contracts prevented them only from playing unauthorised matches in South Africa.

The six, who were heavily fined as were eight junior players, are the backbone of an Indian team.

India will face England, West Indies, Australia, Pakistan and Sri Lanka in a one-day tournament in this country next month.

Their lawyers scathingly criticised the BCCI contract, saying it made players into bonded labourers.

They said letters accompanying contracts sent to players selected for the West Indies tour, which India lost heavily, said any alteration of the contract would be taken as a refusal to play for India and would result in a one-year ban from playing.

This gave the players no choice but to sign and made the contracts coercive and therefore illegal, the lawyers said.

During a news conference last month, the players apologised for violating the contract and appealed to the board to lift the ban and the fine. The board has not responded.

After the court order, the board gave an undertaking it will not enforce the ban until Sept 25, United News of India reported.

If enforced, the ban will effectively cripple the Indian test side which faces at least three international tours this season.

Public petitions were filed this month in the Supreme Court by at least eight journalists, asking it to annul the board's decision on the ground that it was illegal.

"The board had not punished the cricketers but cricket loving public. The punishment could not be legally sustained. The court must intervene in the larger public interest," an attorney for N. Murali of the English-language newspaper, The Hindu, was quoted as saying by UNI.

"I think this issue will end in a draw," Chief Justice E.S. Venkatesh observed after the panel he is heading passed the order at the end of daylong arguments.

Except Shastri, the other five players were present at the hearing.

Board president Ranbir Singh, announcing the ban last month, said the players violated their contracts by playing unauthorised matches in Canada and the United States after the official February-May tour to the West Indies.

The other players who participated in the North American tour were let off with fines, in view of what Singh said was "their little experience to understand the implications of the breach of contract."

The board has often taken disciplinary action against individual players but the ban was believed to be the harshest step it has ever taken.

During the unauthorised tour, the Indian cricket team, calling itself the Indian XI, played four limited-overs matches—one against the West Indies and three against what was called Pakistan XI. Except one match against Pakistan XI, the Indian team lost the rest.

Earlier, India had a disastrous tour of the West Indies, losing the four-Test series 3-0. One match was drawn.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Nelson to defend

LONDON, Sept 12. (AP): Ghana's Azumah Nelson will defend his World Boxing Council (WBC) super-featherweight title against Jim McDonnell of Britain in London's Royal Albert Hall on Nov 5. Promoter Barry Hearn announced today.

Kidnap insurance

LONDON, Sept 12. (AP): West German tennis star Boris Becker has taken out a £6.5 million (\$10 million) insurance policy against being kidnapped. Lloyds of London said today. A Lloyds spokesman who requested anonymity said the 21-year-old player, winner of this year's Wimbledon and US Open titles, is paying £100,000 (\$160,000) per year for the policy, which is underwritten by Lloyds and brokered by London-based Cassidy-Davies.

Evert falls

NEW YORK, Sept 12. (AP): Chris Evert, who ended her Grand Slam career last week at the US Open, has fallen to No. 5 in the world—the lowest ranking of her career. Evert, who is returning at the end of the season, began the year at No. 3 and dropped to No. 4 in February. In the rankings released yesterday, French Open champion Arantxa Sanchez moved past Evert into the No. 4 spot.

Annual meeting

Buenos Aires, Sept 12. (Reuter): The possible expulsion of the South African Tennis Union from world tennis' ruling body tops the agenda at the four-day international Tennis Federation (ITF) annual general meeting starting this evening.

Danish champion

COPENHAGEN, Sept 12. (UPI): Danish Soccer League champion Brondby has signed Erik Rasmussen on a three-year contract from US indoor club Wichita Wings.

Liverpool star

LIVERPOOL, England, Sept 12. (UPI): Liverpool's Republic of Ireland international soccer star John Aldridge is set to join Real Sociedad of Spain for a £1.1 million (\$1.76 million) fee.

Cueto upset

ATHENS, Greece, Sept 12. (AP): Italy's Federica Bonsignori, displaying patience and accuracy, upset top seed Isabel Cueto of West Germany yesterday in the opening round of the Virginia Slims international women's tennis tournament.

Vincent to succeed

NEW YORK, Sept 12. (AP): Fay Vincent will be elected to succeed A. Bartlett Giamatti as baseball commissioner on Thursday, a source familiar with the owner's plans told the Associated Press yesterday.

European soccer

LONDON, Sept 12. (Reuter): Results of first-round first-leg matches in European club soccer competitions today.

UEFA Cup in Sofia: Vitosha Sofia (Bulgaria) 0 Antwerp (Belgium) 0.

Morocco triumph

BAGHDAD, Iraq, Sept 12. (AP): Morocco beat outsiders Bahrain 4-1 in the semi-finals of the Palestine Youth Soccer Cup tournament today after aizzling penalty shoot-out in extra time. The two sides were tied 1-1 when the whistle went. Halftime score was 1-1.

Dittmar wins

HONG KONG, Sept 12. (Reuter): Results in the Hong Kong Open tennis championships today (over a number depending on seedings):

—Chris Dittmar, first round: —Chris Dittmar (Australia) beat Sabir Birt (Canada) 15-13 15-12 15-14. —Mark Cairns (England) 15-13 15-13 15-16; Ross Norman (New Zealand) beat Brett Newton (Australia) 15-14 15-11 15-12; Jamie Hickox (England) beat Mark Cartwright (Australia) 15-15 15-13 15-12 15-13; Brett Martin (Australia) beat Anthony Hill (Australia) 15-14 15-13 15-12 15-13; Brett Martin (Australia) beat Adam Aduriz (Spain) 15-8 15-5 15-11; Bryan Bessou (England) beat Chris Walker (England) 15-13 15-13.

Brazil urge punishment for Chile

Bolivia one point from Cup finals

But the double World Cup winners will have to get their nerves under control when they take on the Bolivians in Montevideo on Sunday.

As for Peru, Brazilian coach Jose "Pepe" Macia could not perform miracles. A neutral observer would always admit that the current crop of Peruvian players is perhaps the weakest in several years.

The disaster involving the country's top team, Alianza, with most of their players persisting in a plane crash almost two years ago, must be considered the main reason for Peru losing their first three games.

Group Two remains far from decided, with second-placed Colombia, who have three points from three matches, still to host leaders Paraguay, on four points from two games.

Considering that despite winning their two home matches Paraguay looked far from impressive, they could expect a tough time when they take on the Colombians on Sunday.

Bolivia is the only country to participate in every World Cup and the first team to qualify for the 1990 tournament.

Verghese scores easy win



REJI VERGHESE scored an easy victory in the Indian Arts Circle (IAC) Badminton Tournament as the event reached the semifinals stage on Monday.

Verghese found everything going his way as he brushed aside K.S. Jose 15-4, 15-2. After securing only four points in the first set, Verghese tried to keep Jose's score blank in the second but the latter managed to get two points.

Verghese's results:

Men's singles: Philip Cherian beat George Verghese 15-5, 15-3; Reji Verghese defeated K.S. Jose 15-4, 15-2; Louis Gonsalves beat Deepak Sakpal 15-9, 15-3; Cherry George thrashed Joseph Philip 15-10, 15-0. Girls' doubles: Josephine and Kavita Verghese beat Chitra, Philip and Rajeev Daniel 15-11, 15-9; Savitram and Mathew N.C. trounced Thomas Verghese and Jacob E. 15-0, 15-9; Bal Sharma and M.M. Joshi defeated Bobby Tharun and Mohan George 15-2, 15-2; J.S. Anand and A. Alex defeated Adithi K. and M.D. Venkatesh 15-3, 15-3; Muralidharan and G.S. Anand got a second walkover from Lal and partner. Couples doubles: Suja Verghese and Verghese Joseph beat Sobha Nair and Madhu 15-4, 15-3; Junior girls' singles: Sini Mathew defeated Anju Abraham 11-0, 11-2.

Today's fixtures:

Men's singles: Reji Verghese vs Philip Cherian (9 pm); J. Ashok Kumar vs George Verghese (7.20 pm); Mathew N.C. vs Cherry George (8.00 pm). Girls' doubles: Reji Verghese and Cherry George vs Josephine and Kavita Verghese (8.00 pm). Couples doubles: Suja Verghese and Verghese Joseph beat Sobha Nair and Madhu (8.00 pm). Veterans' doubles: Bal Sharma and Jacob Mathew vs Dr Srivastava and V. Venugopal (9.00 pm). Robert Henry and Rajan Daniel vs Nagi S.K. and R.P. Thakkar (9.30 pm).

Becker and Graf keep wary eye on young talent



The emergence of good young players around the world is a happening," said Nick Bollettieri, a leading developer of tennis talent. "There are more good players in the age group of 15 to 19, than ever before."

They, and many others, are young players on the verge of challenging the sport's elite for fame and fortune.

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Michael Chang and Pete Sampras, who eliminated defending champion Mats Wilander of Sweden in the US Open, as examples of the comprehensive training programme in the United States.

Bollettieri's current pupils include 15-year-old Monica Seles of Yugoslavia. Seles, who reached the semifinals of the French Open before losing to women's world number one Graf, already stands 12th in the women's rankings.

"It's all because of good programming, fitness programmes and funding to pay expenses," Bollettieri said.

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